

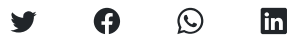
Two suspected robbers killed in Delta, arms recovered

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Operatives of the Delta State Police Command have shot dead two suspected armed robbers, while guns, live cartridges and ammunition were recovered from the hoodlums.

PUNCH Metro gathered that on December 2, 2022, the Divisional Police Officer, Ovwian Aladja, CSP Aliyu Shaba, got information that two members of the dreaded Momotimi Gang were sighted in a pub at Opete community in the Owvain Aladja, Udu LGA.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, in a statement on Sunday, said Shaba mobilised a team of policemen to the scene.

The statement added, “On getting to the spot, the operatives found the duo of Gift Famous, aka *Bobone*, 29, and Edafe Onaibe, aka *Laslas 1500*, 25, of Enerhen, both of whom had long been on the command’s wanted list for their criminal exploits in Warri and other parts of the state.

“But the duo, on sighting the police, fired gunshots at the operatives in a bid to escape, while the police officers returned fire and gave the fleeing hoodlums a hot chase.

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“In the ensuing gun duel, both suspects were fatally wounded while the police officers took them to a hospital.”

The police spokesperson said on the way to the hospital, the suspects confessed to several robberies and assassinations, including the murder of one Douglas Abugu in Ekpan on August 18, 2022.

Famous, according to the PPRO, claimed to have murdered Abugu “because he took over the position of quarter chairman from him when he was in prison, and he could not get back his position when he returned, hence his decision to kill Douglas.”

He was also alleged to have confessed to the murder of one *Small Doctor* on August 22, 2022, in the same Ekpan axis.

Both suspects reportedly died before getting to the hospital.