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Robbers kill gang leader over stolen cars

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The popular Nigerian parlance, No paddy for jungle, came true for the leader of a robbery gang, Emeka Onemaenu, when he was shot dead by one of his members during an argument over who should handle the sale of the vehicles they snatched from their owners.

A member of the gang now in police custody, Chukwu-ma Emmanuel Ekeh, 29, a native of Umuojuma, Abia State, spilled the beans on how the incident happened in a chat with *Sunday Sun* at the headquarters of the Anambra State Police Command.

He said: "We had three members in our gang and robbed various people on December 31, 2013 on Ukpomili road and Ezeowelle road, both of which are in Dunukofia Local Government Area of Anambra State. We took various items from the people and snatched two cars – a Toyota Camry and Acura SUV. After the robbery, we started arguing about who should sell



•The gang leader

the cars we snatched. It was while we were driving the car to get away from the scene that Chizoba, a member of our gang shot our leader in the back and he died immediately."

Ekeh who said he joined the gang in November 2013, revealed further: "We started to panic and immediately dumped his corpse at Nasa Road Junction, Orofia village, Abagana in Njikoka

Local Government Area. As we were doing this, some youths in the area saw us and gave us a chase. They caught me but Chizoba was able to escape with our arms and ammunition."

Giving more insight on the successful bursting of the gang which had for some-time terrorized residents of Abagana, Ukpo Mili, Ezio-welle Nimo and Arthur Eze areas of the state, Anambra

State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Usman Gwary explained that the youths alerted the police and a team of the state's Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) led by its commander, Supol James Nwafor (CSP) then arrested Ekeh and brought him in for interrogation.

Gwary also disclosed that the SARS operatives were also able to recover the stolen vehicles (Toyota Camry



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and Acura SUV) which are now parked in the premises of Dunukofia Police Division. He said the suspect would be charged to court soon.

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