

# Suspected robbers meet Waterloo in Benue

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**I**t was pay back time for three suspected dare devil armed robbers recently in Benue State as they met their Waterloo in the hands of a team of crack detectives.

The suspected robbers, according to investigation wasted no time in engaging the detectives in a fierce gun duel following the attempt to foil their attempt to rob a prominent businessman in Mbakihir village, Buruku Local Government Area of the state.

Speaking on the incident, the state Commissioner of Police, Adams Audu said the police was alerted that armed robbers had stormed the home of the victim (name withheld) robbing and rapping occupants of the house.

He disclosed further that as soon as the police received the distress call, the police patrol team immediately swung into action and got to the scene. However, they were greeted with gunfire by the suspected armed robbers.

The Police Commissioner noted that in the process of returning fire for fire between the five-man armed robbery gang and the police, three of

the robbers sustained bullet wounds and died on their way to the hospital while two others escaped into the bush.

CP Adams revealed that three assorted locally made guns and four live ammunition; two short axes, three live cartridges and one expended cartridges were recovered from the armed robbery suspects.

In another development, three suspected rapists were arrested by the police after they allegedly abducted and forcefully raped a 15 year old girl in Makurdi, the state capital.

The Police Commissioner told Crime Watch that one Terhemba Tingir, living behind Makurdi Polytechnic reported that his cousin was attacked and raped by a four-man gang who forcefully abducted her into their red Toyota Camry car and drove off to a building along Apir Road, Makurdi where she was allegedly raped by all the four members of the gang.

Adams said the three persons who were arrested by the police in connection with the incident have been charged to court after police investigation while the fourth suspect was still at large.

But these are not deadly gangs in Ibadan