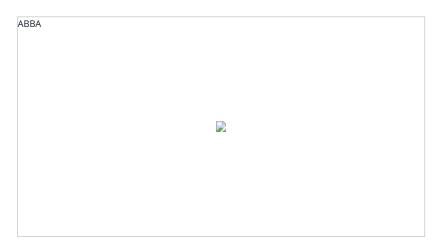






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Officers of Imo State Police Command yesterday shot four suspected armed robbers dead following a gun duel at Area M Zone E World Bank Housing Estate, New Owerri area of the state. Two policemen however, sustained gunshot wounds during the encounter with the men of the underworld.

Addressing newsmen at the Command's headquarters, Owerri, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Andrew Enwerem, explained that the shoot-out occurred at about 11p.m. on Wednesday, when the suspected robbers emerged from their hideouts to unleash terror on a professor (name withheld).

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shoot-out and in the exchange of gunfire, four of the criminals were killed, one was arrested alive while others escaped.

According to him: "Information revealed that the target of the armed robbers was one Professor at the World Bank Estate, Owerri."

However, two police operatives, who sustained bullet wounds, according to the Police spokesman, were responding to treatment.

Enwerem stated that the arrested suspect "has made useful statement that would lead to the arrest of those who escaped."

Calling on the people of the state to avail the police useful information, he warned others to refrain from criminal activity as the police would not hesitate to bring down anybody caught.

The arrested suspect, Nwankwo from Ebonyi State, confessed to the crime and pleaded for mercy,

saying he was deceived to join the gang.



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Items discovered from the robbers included three double barrell and one single locally made shot gun, 25 live cartridge and one expended cartridges,N16,990.00. Others include one Techo Mobile Phone,One Wrist Watch, four wallets and one vehicle ignition key.

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