

CRIME WATCH

3 robbery suspects shot dead

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Police operatives and vigilance men have shot dead three suspected armed robbers in Delta State.

The state police spokesperson, Celestina Kalu, said one Alhaji Ibrahim had in Warri reported at the Isiokola police station that some gunmen attacked his cattle rearers in a bush at Okpara waterside.

Kalu said policemen moved in and on sighting the operatives, four hoodlums opened fire and escaped into the bush. They abandoned their operational vehicle, a Honda car, SE 858 AAA.

She said the policemen pursued the fleeing hoodlums into the bush. "The police fully engaged them in a serious gun duel and two of the hoodlums were gunned down, while others escaped. The shot suspects died while they were being rushed to the hospital.

"The police recovered six guns, two Nokia handsets and one Honda car."

2 She said on the same day, one John Uwejeyan, a member of Agbarho vigilance group reported at the police station that while they were on patrol along Osaha junction/Ehwere Road, Agbarho, they suspected the movement of two young men riding on a motorcycle.

She said the men stopped the suspects, one of them identified later as Ateke allegedly pulled out a gun and opened fire on the vigilance men who returned fire. He was shot on the leg. "Ateke was arrested alongside his alleged accomplice, Alex Onakpojega. One single barrel gun, two live cartridges and one unregistered motorcycle were recovered from them. Meanwhile, the injured suspect was rushed to General Hospital, Agbarho where he later died."

Phone thieves arrested