

## Police kill 4 kidnappers, arrest female member

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**P**olice from Ohuru Isimiri Division near Aba, Abia State have shot dead four notorious armed robbers and kidnappers alleged to have been terrorising the commercial city in recent times.

It was gathered that the gang had last weekend kidnapped an Aba-based businessman and took him to their hideout.

Also at the same time, members of the gang stole at gun point a Toyota Avensis car with registration number: ACH 181 AA belonging to an aide to Abia State governor, Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu. Daily Sun was reliably informed that after the kidnap and armed robbery incidents, following a tip off, the police at Ohuru Isimiri division led by the Divisional Police Officer, Titus Anayo Ugwoke on Sunday stormed the hoodlums' hideout at Abala Umuoto village in Obingwa Local Government.

It was gathered that immediately the bandits sighted the police team, they opened fire and the security agents responded swiftly.

After the gun duel that ensued, four of the hoodlums were shot dead by the police, a female member of the gang was also arrested.

The corpses of the criminals were reportedly deposited at Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH), Aba.

When contacted, the Abia command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ezekiel Onyeke confirmed the incident.