

# Robber shot dead

## • 3 suspected cultists arrested

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**THE** Delta State Police Command has shot dead a suspected armed robber during a gun duel along Umutu Obuaruku Road.

The bandits were operating when they were intercepted by the police.

It was gathered that armed robbers were dispossessing victims of their belongings when the police arrived. The hoodlums engaged the police in a shootout.

During the gun battle, one of the robbers was gunned down while others escaped. The police recovered a gun, 10 live cartridges, five handsets, a wristwatch and N750,000.00.

The police have also arrested three minors for belonging to a cult group. One of the suspects, Elue, confessed that he had been a member of a dreaded cult group.

His confession led to the arrest of two others, Ozor 13, and Ibrahim 14.

The cultists had converged in Asaba to attack landlords and vigilance men in the area. One machete was recovered from the suspects.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the arrests, said efforts were on to arrest other fleeing suspects.