

Robbery suspect killed

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A suspected armed robber has been killed by operatives of the anti-crime patrol attached to the Delta State Police Command.

The suspect met his Waterloo during exchange of gunfire between his gang members and security operatives in Onicha-Uku, Aniocha North Local Government area of the state.

The six-man robbery gang was sited at a bush near the new General Hospital in the community where they were said to have opened fire on the approaching patrol team.

According to command's Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Celestina Kalu, there was a distressed call that the gang was operating in a Mercedes Benz truck with registration number KTU 287 XD in the said bush.



• The suspect

Kalu said that men of the anti-crime unit was swiftly drafted to the scene, and on their way, the gang-members sighted the patrol team and fired at the policemen. In the ensuing exchange of gunfire, one of the criminals was gunned down while others escaped.

Kalu said the corpse of the deceased suspect has been deposited in the mortuary while efforts are being made to apprehend the fleeing gang members.

She further confirmed the arrest of a 20-year-old Emmanuel Etarogehe for allegedly attacking one Bello Abubakar with a gun and an iron pipe at his residence in Ughelli where the suspect and another, now at large, also robbed his victim of five handsets and an undisclosed amount of money.

She said the Police recovered a single barrel gun, two live cartridges, two expended cartridges and the truck.