

Police kill suspected armed bandit, 'Tompolo,' in Delta

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THE anti-robbery squad attached to the Enerhen Police Station, in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State has shot dead a notorious armed robber, popularly known as 'Tompolo,' who had terrorised residents of the area and neighbouring communities.

Investigations revealed that the notorious robber and his gang had been on wanted list of security agents in the community over the series of violent crimes traced to their operations. During a gun duel with the police assisted by vigilance group, he was killed, while his three gang members escaped with gunshot injuries.

Said a source: "Tompolo had, at about 5am on that day, robbed a woman at gunpoint around Dugbo Estate. He had earned a terror identity for himself around the Enerhen/Udu Road axis of the Warri metropolis."

The Divisional Police Officer of the Enerhen Police Station, Hassan Galadima (Chief Superintendent of Police), confirmed the development, saying three other suspects escaped with gunshot wounds.

"I am aware of the incident. The vigilante did not kill him. Yes, the vigilantes were on patrol with the police and we shot him. The other gang members escaped with bullet wounds," he said.