

# Police kill 3 suspected robbers in Delta

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**THREE** members of a robbery gang that had terrorised residents of the commercial city of Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area and other neighbouring communities in Udu and Okpe council areas have been shot dead by a police patrol team attached to the Ebrumede Police station.

The suspects were reported to have carried out high profile robbery operations in the area with countless numbers of victims being dispossessed of their valuables at gunpoint in various locations in the city.

It was further gathered that the activities of the robbery gang in the area had claimed the lives of innocent victims who were either shot at close range during operations or fired at long distance while attempting to escape being robbed.

Sources hinted that the gang's mode of operation usually involved the use of a tricycle marked; GUE822QA with which they disguised as passengers to deceive unsuspect-

ing members of the public.

Luck however was said to have run out on the gang on Wednesday when a patrol team attached to Ebrumede police station led by one Inspector Yaya who had been on their trail sighted them from afar while on their routine robbery operation.

It was learnt that on sighting the patrol team trailing them, the gang opened fire on the police team which quickly responded accordingly.

In the process, three of the suspects were gunned down while one of them jumped down into a nearby bush and managed to escape.

Recovered from the suspects in their commercial tricycle were two locally made pistols, two live cartridges and one expended cartridge.

The bodies of the deceased had since been deposited at the mortuary.

Confirming the incident, the Delta State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Andrew Aniamaka, said the police have intensified investigations to track down the rest of the gang members.

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