

3 robbers shot dead in Rivers

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THREE suspected criminals have been gunned down by operatives of the Rivers State Police Command in Mile 3 Police Divisional Station. *Daily Sun* gathered that the criminals, who were among hoodlums that terrorised Diobu axis of Port Harcourt, died in a shootout with security operatives on routine patrol.

An eyewitness disclosed that the seven-man criminal gang opened fire on the policemen on Obaziolu Street, Mile 3, Diobu, but the policemen overpowered the bandits on Ejigini Street in the area.

A senior police officer at the Mile 3 Police Station confirmed the incident to journalists, stating that the police personnel had received distress calls that the criminals were operating in the area.

The police source said personnel of the division dispatched to the area trailed the bandits and the hoodlums engaged the operatives in a shootout.

The cop said the crack team gunned down three of the robbery gang, while four escaped with bullet wounds. According to the source, items recovered from the criminals included 15 mobile phones, gold jewelry and cash.