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A notorious armed robbery suspect, Uchenna Ngene, aka Young Boy, who had been on the run for a long time, has been shot dead by the police during exchange of gunfire.

Ngene was said to be a member of the notorious armed robbery gang which recently engaged police in a shootout on Bisalla Road in Enugu State. The suspected robbers had earlier shot a victim at Edinburgh axis of Ogui Layout. Ngene had managed to escape after the clash with security personnel.

He was also linked to the attack on policemen at New Haven and Igbariam axis of the state where an ASP and in Inspector were shot dead. That was before the encounter with the police at Obiagu axis.



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The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ebere Amaraizu, said in a statement yesterday that following manhunt/intelligence information, operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) trailed the robbery suspect to his hideout at Akwuke in Enugu South Local Government Area.

Amaraizu said the suspect, on sighting the operatives from the roof top of the uncompleted building where he was taking refuge, quickly opened fire on the SARS men who responded and fatally injured the suspect.

“He was promptly rushed to the hospital for medical attention but was later confirmed dead by the doctor on duty. The body has been deposited at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Ituku- Ozalla, mortuary.

“Recovered from the notorious armed kingpin is an English made cut-to-size double-barrelled rifle with some expended and live cartridges.” Amaraizu noted that the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of Administration, DCP Imaikop Okpongkpong, while reacting to the development, appreciated the efforts of the operatives and the partnership between the state command and other relevant stakeholders that led to the feat.

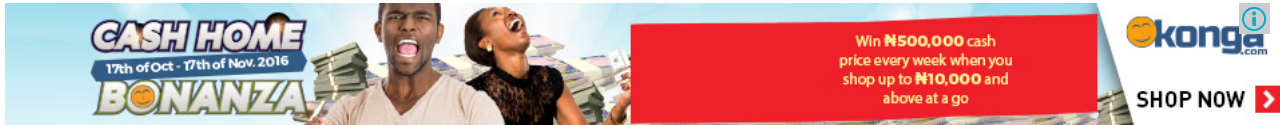
The DCP, according to the PPRO, assured the people that the command, in partnership with the sister security agencies





and relevant stakeholders, would stop at nothing to ensure a smooth and hitchfree Yuletide.

Amaraizu recalled that the command had intensified its massive onslaught against crime and criminality which had been yielding the desired result.



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