## Police Kill Robbery Suspect, Pledge Amnesty for Repentant Cultitsts

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n a gun duel with operatives of Ogun State Police Command, a member of an armed robbery gang, was recently shot dead along Shagamu/Benin

The DPO of Jiebu Ife area, CSP Raphael Ugbenyo, recounted that they received a distress call informing them about a certain gang of armed robbers in military camouflage, fully armed, who blocked the expressway and were dispossessing motorists of their valuables.

 The police responded immediately by sending the Special Anti Robbery Sauad (SARS) to the scene.

The robbers were said to have engaged the police in gun battle which lasted for about 30 minutes.

At the end of the encounter, one of hoodlums, dressed in army camouflage, was shot dead while others escaped into the nearby bush with various degrees of gun shot

The police recovered various arms from the scene and has deposited the corpse of the dead man in the mortuary, while effort is on to apprehend the fleeing members



CP Ajogun

of the gang. Police in Ogun State, CP Edward so as to bring the escaped members

Awolowo Ajogun has directed the Meanwhile, the Commissioner of thorough combing of the entire area

of the gang to justice.

The CP also appealed to the general public, especially hospitals, to alert the police if anyone with bullet injury is seen in their area.

He further reiterated his earlier warning against criminal activities

in the state.

In another development, CP Ajogun has announced the grant of amnesty to cult members who are willing to denounce membership of their cult activities.

In his reaction to the recent arrest of Dare Ojugbele, an alleged notorious cultist at the Itawaya area of Ilaro in Ogun state, the CP assured safety for such persons once they lay off all nefarious cult activities.

Meanwhile, Ojugbele who is presently in police custody was arrested recently while in possession of locally made pistol, live cartridges and other ammunition, as well as charms.

The young man confessed that he is a member of the dreaded Eye

cult group in the state.

The CP, who recently resumed duties in the state, however warned that the command would not tolerate violent cult activities in the state.