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# Police Kill Three Robbery Suspects, Intercept 753 Ammunition in Ebonyi

## ● Arrest six robbery suspects in FCT

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Operatives of the Nigeria Police attached to the Ebonyi State Police Command weekend killed three armed robbery suspects and intercepted 753 live ammunition of General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) concealed in a bag being transported in a commercial vehicle from Abakaliki, Ebonyi

State to Umuahia in Abia State.

A statement by the Force Public Relations Officer, Frank Mba, a Commissioner of Police, said the intelligence-driven covert operation, which led to the interception and recovery of the deadly ammunition, was part of the efforts by the force to identify and crack down on criminal networks and supply chains

for weapons and ammunition in and around the country.

It said a comprehensive investigation aimed at bringing to book all persons linked to the crime was ongoing.

Similarly, following investigations into the foiled bank robbery on the Onueke branch of a commercial bank in Ebonyi State, which occurred in January, 2021, Police operatives led by the Commissioner of Police,

Ebonyi State Command, on April 29, 2021, stormed the criminal hideout of suspects indicted in the investigations located at Oriuzo village in Ezza North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. The statement said the suspects on sighting the Police squad, opened fire on them.

"The police team engaged them gallantly and professionally. At the end, three members of the gang including two male and

one female met their Waterloo following bullet injuries sustained during the exchange of gunfire. Other suspects fled in different directions," it said.

It said two AK-47 rifles, five pump action guns, six pistols, 50 AK-47 ammunition, 126 cartridges, Jack knives, cutlasses, and a 40-page notebook containing inventories of ammunition purchased by the gang were recovered.

The statement said a Honda Pilot Jeep with Reg. No. ABJ 163 NV used for the foiled bank robbery was also recovered by the police team.

Unrelenting in their quest to apprehend the remaining suspects, the statement said, the police team traced the suspects to a shrine where the robbers usually go for mystical powers before embarking on their robbery operations.