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Police invade robbers' hideout, kill one

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WARRI — LUCK ran out of a gang of five armed robbers who ran to a hideout in Sapele, Delta State, weekend, to unwind and split their loot after robbing a man, Gideon Akpor at Okuetolor village of N100,000 and other valuables when the police got information about their wholly act, and stormed their hiding place, arrested one alive, while another who was shot died on his way to the hospital.

Also at the weekend, watch-

ful policemen in the area nabbed a man who stole a Q-Jang motorcycle with a Delta registration number, BT 4922 WWR.

Reports from Sapele said the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), a Superintendent of Police, Ita Selong mobilised his men and stormed the hideaway on Amukpe-Sapele Road but the bandits opened fire on the police as soon as they sighted them.

The policemen who were prepared returned fire for fire and at the end of the gun battle, one of the robbers, identi-

fied as Okiemute, alias Saddam, who fired the first salvo was shot on the leg, and he died later. Twenty-three-year-old Etueme was arrested alive, while the other three escaped. Among the items recovered by the police on combing the den were one single double barrel gun and two empty shells.

A source close to the DPO told *Vanguard*, yesterday, that the police in the area have intensified effort to track down the three fleeing robbers, adding that Sapele was calm.