

Bandit killed in Ekpan

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WARRI—ONE person was killed and others seriously wounded during a cross fire between armed bandits and the police in Ekpan and Warri in Delta State on new year eve.

Investigation revealed that some heavily armed bandits had on the fateful day burgled

a store along the busy NNPC Housing complex road in Ekpan and started loading their "Ghana-must-go bag" which they took into the store.

It was gathered that the hoodlums had perfected their strategy to have a field day when they gained entrance into the store through a big hole which they dugged on the wall.

But nemesis caught up with

the criminals when information got to the Divisional Police officer(DPO) CSP Tony Ekong who was being honoured with an award by the Commissioner of police, Prince Udom Ekpoudom at Asaba who instructed his men to ensure the criminals are apprehended.

In a swift reaction, a patrol team stormed the scene and met the bad boys who were operating unhindered

Trouble started when the hoodlums on sighting the police team, went into the ceiling of the store and open fire on the law enforcement agents who were equal to the task.

During a cross fire from both sides, one of the bandits was hit by bullet from the police, while others escaped with bullet wounds. But the victim was taken to Ekpan General Hospital where he was confirmed dead.

Confirming the incident, Commissioner of Police, Prince Udom Ekpoudom said

a lot of dangerous weapons including the guns used during the hot exchange of fire with the police were recovered from the deceased robber.

Ekpoudom reiterated the state police command efforts at reducing robbery incident to the barest minimum and promised hell for bandits who do not want to leave Delta State alone.

Meanwhile the police in Warri during the yuletide season arrested a notorious criminal named Kelly Rotimi who confessed as being the mastermind of series of robbery incidents in the oil city.

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Warri, SP Christ Okoro who got a distress call that some armed bandits were operating along cemetery road Warri, led a crack team of detectives to dislodge the nefarious activities of the hoodlums, who also attempted to snatch a motor cycle from its owner.

Adoma-Egba appeals to voters

tions. In his seasonal greetings to his constituents in the Cross River Central Senatorial district, the senator urged the people to engage 2007 with "love, understanding and commitment".

He was full of praise for his constituents for the support they gave him in the just concluded PDP primaries which he said was historic.

His words: " This historic support which is more or less a demonstration of your confidence in the last three years has made a deep impression on me.

It shows that I can count on you at all times". He appealed to them to them to continue with the support so as to ensure that his party, the PDP wins the elections.