

Police kill two robbers in Okitipupa

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AKURE—POLICE in Ondo State have smashed a six-man armed robbery gang which invaded the state from neighbouring Delta State and killed two of the hoodlums after a gun duel in the Okitipupa area of the state.

Spokesman of the command in Akure, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, who said the suspects were from Agbaro in Delta State, gave their names as Felix Oyinbo Amorida and Augustine Efe while a third, Daniel Omoku, sustained injuries during the gun duel.

Three others, simply named Friday, Epa and Emuchagan, according to the Police image maker escaped during the gun battle.

The gang reportedly arrived Okitipupa last weekend about 5 p.m. and snatched a Toyota Camry car with number-plate AAA 289 GKB from one Mrs. Folake Balogun at gun-point after which they operated at Ilu-Titun and Oloto.

Aremu said the bandits were intercepted at a checkpoint near the Benin-Ore Expressway by a team of armed policemen who were tipped off.

They reportedly attempted to resist the police following which there was an exchange of fire leading to the killing of two of the suspects.

According to the police, five barrel guns and 25 cartridges were recovered from the suspects.