

# Three die in Effurun as bandits engage in gun duel

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**WARRI**—THREE persons are feared dead and five others injured in separate gun battles by bandits who have been fighting themselves on the streets of Effurun, near Warri in Delta State, in the past two days over the headship of an illegal organization of criminals in the area.

The concern of law-abiding citizens is that the bandits are disturbing the peace of the area and the police appear to have been taken off guard, as the bandits parade the streets in broad daylight with pump

action guns and other weapons, scaring the daylight out of the people.

On Wednesday, those doing their business at Okubor Street, near the Airport Road Junction, had their hearts in the mouths, as the bandits, who took the battle to the homes of the opposing members, exchanged gunfire in a side street.

“One of the boys was shot repeatedly by his colleagues and he died on the spot. In fact, they scattered his head with bullets,” an eyewitness said.

At Sokoh Estate Road in Warri yesterday morning, the bandits continued with their rampage and motorists, including this reporter, had to reverse their vehicles and scamper to safety.

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