

Police kill robbery kingpin, Onye Army, in Aba shootout

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ABA—Police in Aba, Abia State, have shot dead a robbery and kidnapping kingpin, who had been terrorising the city. The robber, popularly called *Onye Army*, was shot dead near the Good Morning Market area after his gang had robbed a victim of N3.5 million, which he withdrew from one of the new generation banks along Azikiwe Road.

As they made to escape through the market, the gang saw a stationary police van, alighted from their car and riddled it with bullets, not knowing that the police had laid an ambush.

In the ensuing gun battle, *Onye Army* was shot dead, while other members of the gang fled. Items recovered from the gang included one AK-47 rifle, three magazines, a Toyota Camry car and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Abia State Command, Ogbonnaya Nta, confirmed *Onye Army*'s death. He urged members of the public not to hesitate to assist police with useful information, which could lead to the arrest of the fleeing hoodlums.