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Police smash gang that killed US Army officer in Aba

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ABA—A notorious kidnap gang, which members killed a United States-based Army Officer, Chuks Mbaeri Okebata, at Mbieri, Imo State in December 2016, has been shot dead by the Police in Aba.

Abia State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Leye Oyebade, who confirmed the incident, said the leader of the gang, popularly known as *Obere*, was shot dead when his gang engaged the Police Anti-Kidnapping Squad in a gun battle at Ukpakiri area, along Aba-Ikot Ekpene Highway.

Oyebade told *Vanguard* that Obere was arrested by the team acting on a tip-off at Okai Item, Bende Local Government Area, adding that he had confessed to the

killing of two policemen at Orji Uzor Kalu Bridge, Aba, as well as four members of the Abia Vigilante Services.

Oyebade said the gang was also behind the killing of a US-based Army officer, one Chuks Mbaeri Okebata, who visited his home town, Mbieri, Imo State in December 2016.

He disclosed th   **Vanguard News would like to send you fun**   ile an officer
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members and recovering their weapons, was attacked by hoodlums suspected to be his gang members.

"During the shootout, the suspect was caught up in a cross-fire, while one of the detectives sustained injuries and the patrol van riddled with bullets."

He said the Command's Tactical Response Squad has been drafted to assist in tracking down the fleeing gang members and urged residents to volunteer information about anyone with bullet wounds.

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