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Police raid criminal hideout in Delta, kill one, arrest 4

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Criminal gang that has been terrorising Cable Point area of Asaba, Delta State capital, has been smashed by Delta State Police Command, killing one and arresting four suspects.

The gang members, who are said to be responsible for a series of crimes including kidnapping, robbery and car snatching within the Asaba metropolis, were apprehended by operatives of the

command.

The operatives were led to the gang's hideout where they usually re-grouped for criminal operations, by some of the suspects earlier arrested.

A Police source, who pleaded anonymity, said the suspected criminals engaged the Police operatives in a shootout, until they were overpowered.

The Police source added that some of the suspects were arrested while others escaped with gunshot injuries, adding that the gang leader, who jumped out of the moving Hilux van in an attempt to escape, was shot dead.

He said an investigation has commenced with a view to trapping other fleeing members of the gang.

An effort to reach the Public Relations Officer of the command, DSP Andrew Aniamaka, for comment on the matter proved abortive.