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## 4 armed robbers killed in gun battle with Delta police

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**U**GHELLI—FOUR suspected armed robbers were reportedly killed in a gun battle with policemen at Abraka, Ethiophe East Local Government Area, Delta State.

Giving details of the incident, the state's Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Bright Edafe, in a statement said: "On 16/05/2021 at about 0200hrs, a distress call was received by the DPO Abraka Division, CSP Aliyu Shaba, that a gang of armed robbers was robbing people of their belongings in a compound.

"The DPO immediately mobilised patrol teams/vigilante to the scene. The armed robbers numbering about four, on sighting the team engaged them in a gun battle.

"During the exchange of fire, two of the robbers were fatally wounded and gave up the ghost on the way to the hospital while others escaped into the bush with bullets wound.

"On the same date, at about 0530hrs in continuation of the rigorous search for the fled armed robbers, the DPO and the patrol teams mounted early morning stop and search along Abraka/Eku expressway when suddenly a passenger vehicle carrying two young boys with other persons was flagged down for search.

"Before the vehicle could finally stop, the two young boys, who had bullet injuries, on sighting the police took to their heels.

"They were maimed and arrested. They both confessed to being members of the armed robbery gang that just escaped from a robbery scene.