

## **A'ibom police kill 3 robbery suspects**

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**UYO**— POLICE in Akwa Ibom State have killed three armed robbery suspects and arrested one in Ikot Inyang, Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesman, Akwa Ibom Police Command, Odiko Macdon, who made the disclosure in a statement, yesterday, said the suspects were gunned down among a gang of 10, while robbing at NDDC Hall/National Museum, Ikot Inyang and environs.

Odiko stated: "On March 20, a police team from Ikot Ekpene Division, responded to a distress call, engaged armed robbers numbering 10, who were robbing at the NDDC Hall/National Museum, Ikot Inyang Village and environs.

"In the ensuing gun duel, three of the suspects were neutralised while one was arrested and others escaped with bullet wounds. A locally made pistol, one expended and one live cartridges were recovered.

"Also recovered were vandalised wire cables among other items. The gang is said to be responsible for robberies around Ikot Ekpene and environs.

"The Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom Command, Waheed Ayilara, has met with Tactical Commanders and reviewed deployment of tactical assets for optimal security service delivery for Akwa Ibom.

"The CP has handed down a standing order to bring to justice those who think they can attempt to truncate the peace and tranquility of the state through kidnapping, armed robbery and other heinous crimes."