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DELTA POLICE SMASH 'DEMONIC' ROBBERY GANG

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The Delta State Police Command has paraded three dare devil armed robbers who are said to have been responsible for a series of kidnapping and robbery attacks in Warri, Abraka and environs.

Parading the armed robbery suspects before journalists in Asaba, the state Police Commissioner, Mr. Ikechukwu Aduba, informed journalists that the robbers had claimed many innocent lives including the killing of security agents.

According to the Delta CP, the robbery gang whom he described as 'demonic' and 'beastly' was responsible for the killings of numerous policemen and innocent citizens since 2001 and had carried out their violent orgy unchecked till now.

Narrating the story of how the gang was smashed, the Delta Police Commissioner said that on May 9, 2012, the Area Command, Warri Anti-kidnap team received information that a dare-devil armed gang of kidnappers, robbers that had been declared wanted by the Police for several atrocious crimes in Warri were at their hideout in Otefe-Oghara.

The Police boss stated that his men quickly swung into action and arrested one of the members of the gang, Ufuoma Akpofure John, from the hideout, adding that on interrogation, he mentioned one Osabase Osaze who the suspect said killed one of their members, Peter Kpeki.

Mr. Aduba disclosed that Ufuoma Akpofure led the team through the Agbor-Benin Express Road to Benin City where the said vicious gang leader, Osabase Osaze was arrested, saying that he confessed killing Peter Kpeki and throwing his body into the Ologbo River.

According to the Police boss, items recovered from the suspects were one Audi 80 saloon car, three AK 47 rifles, 11 AK 47 magazines, 1416 rounds of live ammunition, 300 US Dollars, N27, 260, 10,000 Korean won, 19 different handsets, assorted jewellery worth millions of Naira, stolen from a couple who the gang killed at the Warri Central Market Jewellery Shop on December 17, 2011, among other items.

Impeccable sources within the Delta Police Command further hinted that the gang met its water-loo, after robbing a jewelry store in warri and killing both the husband, wife and female shop keeper before carting away their loot in jewelries, hard currency in Dollar denominations and a sizable amount of Naira notes ostensibly suspected to be ransom

money.

The sources further affirmed that it was a quarrel amongst the gang members over the sharing of the blood money that led to their capture as one of the members, not satisfied with the sharing formula, allegedly shot and killed the leader of the gang in cold blood and at point blank range, while he was asleep at night, and wounded another member who dragged his injured leg to a nearby state, where a tip-off from some responsive citizens led the crack team of the Delta Police Command to his lair and the eventual capture of his other gang members.

The Delta Police Czar who then warned parents to ensure that their children and wards desist from indulging in crime, asserted that the police command was determined to fight crime to a standstill, adding that the general public should at all times give relevant information to the Police.

Mr. Aduba attributed the huge successes which the Delta Police Command was presently recording to the co-operation the police was getting from citizens and vigilantes and assured the citizenry of adequate protection, adding that any police officer found culpable in the aiding and abetting of criminals will be made to face the full weight of the Law if found guilty.

He then advised citizens to desist from raising false alarms over robbery incidences as has been recorded in recent times, even as he assured that the Delta State Police Command under his watch was ready and alert to respond to any distress call or emergency situation whenever the need arises.

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