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# Police kill two kidnap-suspects, rescue victim in Rivers



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The **Rivers State** Police Command has killed two kidnapers and rescued a female victim during a gun battle.

In a statement, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Superintendent of Police Grace Iringe-Koko said the victim, who hails from Omademe community, was abducted on December 5, this year on Ozuaha Road in Emohua Local Government Area.

Operatives of the command attached to the Anti-Cultism Unit (ACU), Emohua Annex, were said to have carried out the operation acting on a tip-off.

The statement said: “According to reports from the victim’s brother on December 9, 2025, seeking assistance in securing his sister’s release. That the abductors had demanded a ransom of N1.2million threatening to kill the victim if the payment was not made promptly.

“The Police operatives, determined to bring the perpetrators to justice, swiftly mobilised and executed a carefully planned operation to rescue the victim.

About 1130hrs, the police team, led by seasoned operatives, utilising intelligence-led operations, covertly stormed the kidnapper’s hideout in a forested area, off Ozuaha Road and met the suspected kidnappers sharing the ransom.

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“Upon sighting the Police operatives, the kidnappers, who were heavily armed, opened gunfire, leading to a fierce exchange of gun battles. The police, displaying exemplary bravery and professionalism, neutralised two of the kidnappers, while others fled into the forest with varying degrees of gunshot wounds. The victim was rescued unhurt, and part of the ransom was recovered.”

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The statement said one pump-action rifle, five live cartridges, two expended cartridges and one local pistol.

The Commissioner of Police (CP), Rivers State Police, Olugbenga A Adepoju, commended the bravery and dedication of the operatives involved in the operation, saying they put their lives on the line to ensure the safe rescue of the victim.

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He reassured the public of the command's commitment to maintaining law and order in the state and urged anyone with credible information about the fleeing suspects to come forward and assist the police.

The CP directed that the investigation be expedited, and the fleeing suspects be apprehended, recover the remaining ransom and brought to justice.