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Police rescue kidnap victim, neutralise suspect in Enugu forest operation



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Operatives of the **Enugu State** Police Command have rescued a kidnapped female victim, neutralised one suspected kidnapper, and recovered several incriminating items during a coordinated security operation in Udenu Local Government Area of the state.

The operation, which took place on Friday April 3, 2026, followed credible intelligence on the abduction of the victim at about 3:30 p.m. in Ezimo community.

According to a statement issued on Saturday by the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Daniel Ndukwe, the Commissioner of Police, CP Mamman Bitrus Giwa, directed the Divisional Police Officer of Udenu Division to immediately mobilise a joint security team to rescue the victim.

The team, comprising police operatives, personnel of the Nigerian Army, Neighbourhood Watch members, and Forest Guards, reportedly trailed the suspects to Agu Orba Forest along the Ohebe-Orba axis.

“On sighting the operatives, the hoodlums opened fire, but the operatives responded with superior firepower, neutralising one of the suspects, while others fled with varying degrees of gunshot wounds,” the statement said.

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The police spokesperson disclosed that the kidnapped victim was rescued unhurt, debriefed, and subsequently reunited with her family.

Items recovered from the scene include five rounds of live 7.62mm ammunition, a long machete, a short dagger, four mobile phones, torchlights, power banks, memory cards, and the sum of N51,700, among other personal effects.

Ndukwe added that security operatives have intensified efforts to track down and apprehend the fleeing suspects.

Commending the operatives for their bravery and effective collaboration, the Commissioner of Police reassured residents of the command's commitment to rid the state of violent criminal elements.

He also urged members of the public to continue providing timely and credible information to support ongoing security operations.