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Police find body of kidnapped victim with suspect



A 26-year-OLD lady, Miss Annabelle Emmanuel, has narrated how kidnappers killed her mother and two other victims even after collecting N11 million ransom and 14 plates of rice.

Annabelle and her late mother, Favour Nosakhare, 66, were abducted on May 9, this year, from their residence in Iyowa Community, Ovia Northeast Local Government Area of **Edo State** by armed men and forced into the forest.

The kidnappers abducted other victims and tortured their victims to force their families to pay.

Besides Annabelle's mother, the kidnappers killed two other victims including a 16-year-old teenager

According to her, "They picked us in my mum's house. We trekked all night and entered the power line. They started adding other people to us. They brought three other families. We slept at six different places. They torture us whenever our relatives said the ransom was much. One day, they called my mum and another woman and asked about their ages. After that, they called our families but got provoked and started debating whether to kill us. In the evening, they moved my mother, another woman and a 16-year old boy further from us. We were seeing them. We saw them shoot them. They brought the 15-year-old back and he told us they were dead.

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"Not up to five minutes, they carried the boy and later shot him. They took us to the burrow pit before they finally released us. They collected ransom and other things like 14 plates of rice and turkey

"We paid N11 million, two big school bags, three grams of ice, five crates of Fanta and bullets. They collected seven power banks, and other things from other families."

Narrating their ordeal in the kidnappers' den, Annabelle said they were made to walk for several days.

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She spoke when one of the kidnappers, 23-year-old Musa Haruna led police operatives to where the victims were killed and dumped.

The Police spokesman, Eno Ikoedem, said a video call during which the women were seen being brutally flogged and tortured while their captors demanded ransom for their release. galvanised the Police Command into intensive efforts towards rescue of the victims and apprehending the perpetrators.

Ikoedem said operatives of the Violent Crime Response Unit (VCRU), in collaboration with the Drone Unit, started sustained rescue and on May 19, busted the gang along a powerline within the forest.

She added: "The suspects engaged the police in a fierce gun duel but were overwhelmed by the superior firepower of the operatives. As a result, the hoodlums fled into the bush with gunshot injuries. A blood-soaked jacket and expended AK-47 ammunition were recovered from the scene, while surveillance and tracking were further intensified.

"The painstaking investigation subsequently led to the arrest of Haruna, a member of the syndicate notorious for kidnapping and armed robbery on the Benin-Lagos Road and Old Benin-Akure Road corridors.

"During interrogation, the suspect confessed to his involvement in the crime and led operatives into a thick forest at Ogwa Community where two decomposing bodies were recovered.

"One of the bodies has been identified as that of Mrs. Favour Nosakhare by the family and one of the victims abducted during the incident of 9th May, 2026."