

Police kill two kidnap-suspects, rescue Ogun prince



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The Ogun State Police Command has gunned down two suspected kidnappers linked to the abduction of the Prince of Okun Owa, Prince Idris, and recovered an AK-47 rifle and other incriminating items.

The royal figure was abducted from his residence in Okun Owa about 7:30 p.m on June 30.

Deputy Superintendent of Police(DSP) Oluseyi Babaseyi, in a statement said the kidnappers invaded the prince's home and whisked him away, prompting the Commissioner of Police, Bode Ojajuni, to deploy the Anti-Kidnapping Unit and other tactical teams in securing his release and track down the perpetrators.

Babaseyi said the victim regained his freedom on July 3, following sustained intelligence-led operations and coordinated tactical pressure on the kidnappers.

Subsequent efforts to arrest the suspects led operatives to the Agoro/Imodi axis, where they reportedly encountered members of the gang.



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"On sighting the police, the kidnappers engaged the operatives in a gun duel. The operatives responded decisively, leading to the neutralisation of two kidnappers, while other members of the gang escaped with gunshot

wounds,” he said.

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Apart from the rifle with an empty magazine, the police also recovered two mobile phones, a bag suspected to have been used for ransom collection.

The police said the bodies of the two suspects had been deposited at a government morgue for autopsy, while efforts were ongoing to arrest the fleeing members of the gang and recover additional exhibits.

The Commissioner of Police, Bode Ojajuni, praised the Anti-Kidnapping Unit and tactical teams for their courage, professionalism and operational efficiency.