

Police recover remains of missing man, arrest two in Rivers

January 6, 2026 5:45 pm



File photo of SP Grace Iringe-Koko, Spokesperson for the Rivers State Police Command

Agency Report

The Rivers State Police Command has recovered the remains of Sampson Worianime, who was declared missing on November 11, and arrested two suspects linked to the case.

The command's spokesperson, CSP Grace Iringe-Koko, disclosed this to newsmen in Port Harcourt on Wednesday, stating that the suspects were arrested following investigations into the crime.

Iringe-Koko recalled that Worianime was reported missing after accompanying an unnamed community youth leader from Ogbogbo Community in Okrika Local Government Area to inspect and measure a parcel of land.

She explained that following the report, the command's Anti-Kidnapping Unit launched an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding Worianime's disappearance.

"Upon receipt of the petition, we commenced intelligence-led policing, which led to the arrest of two suspects, including the Chief Security Officer of Aletto-Elleme Community," she said.

According to her, the suspects confessed during investigations to abducting two youths from Okrika Local Government Area.

She said that one of the victims, whose identity was not disclosed, escaped, while Worianime was killed. The suspects later led police operatives to the location where the victim's remains were recovered from a shallow grave.

“The suspects are currently in police custody and are assisting with investigations. Efforts are ongoing to apprehend other accomplices involved in the crime,” Iringe-Koko stated.

In a separate development, the police also announced the arrest of 12 suspects in connection with a violent attack on Unity Estate along Mbodo-Aluu Road in Port Harcourt.

Iringe-Koko said the suspects, allegedly members of a vigilante group alongside hired thugs, reportedly invaded the estate on January 5, armed with pump-action guns, cutlasses, and other dangerous weapons.

Related News

Police rescue 60-year-old kidnap victim, arrest murder suspects in Oyo

Group condemns arrest of 52 AAU students

Govs budget N525bn for security as killings spread

“The assailants allegedly fired gunshots indiscriminately, causing panic and fear among residents,” she said.

She added that the estate suffered significant damage, with several vehicles destroyed during the attack.

“One of the residents, Stephen Nmacha, sustained a shattered leg from a gunshot wound and was subsequently abducted by the attackers. He was later rescued by police operatives and is currently receiving medical treatment at a healthcare facility,” she said.

Iringe-Koko further disclosed that several other residents sustained varying degrees of injuries while fleeing into nearby bushes to escape the violence.

She listed items recovered from the suspects to include one automatic pump-action gun, a live cartridge, spent cartridges, charms, five motorcycles, two minibuses, and a Sienna bus.

Speaking on the incident, Commissioner of Police in Rivers, Olugbenga Adepoju, described the attacks as reckless and reprehensible.

He noted that vigilante groups are legally required to operate strictly under police supervision and questioned why the group failed to coordinate with the police.

Adepoju said efforts were ongoing to arrest other suspects involved in the attacks, including the Akpor Commander of the vigilante group, who is currently at large.

“We call on members of the public to provide credible information that will assist the command in apprehending the fleeing suspects,” Adepoju urged.