

# Suspected kidnapper shot dead as police recover guns in Delta

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**Operatives of the State Anti-Cult Unit (SACU), of the Delta State Police Command, in collaboration with community volunteers, have shot dead a suspected kidnapper after a gun battle in Obiaruku, Ukwuani local government of the state.**

The suspect met his waterloo as the police intensified intensive patrol in the area following credible intelligence that suspected kidnappers were mobilising within the Obiaruku forest to carry out an attack.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer(PPRO) SP Bright Edefe, said the police team was on patrol on December 1, when they received an intelligence report of m plot to invade the community.

Acting swiftly on the information, Edefe disclosed that the operatives advanced towards the location to forestall the planned criminal activity.

On approaching the area, the suspects opened fire from multiple directions in a bid to repel the team, he added.

Edefe said that the operatives responded with superior firepower, leading to the death of one suspect, while others escaped into the forest with various degrees of injuries.

“One AK-47 rifle with 42 rounds of live ammunition, nine mobile phones, and charms were recovered.”

In a related development, operatives of the CP-Special Assignment Team (CP-SAT), led by the Commander, ASP Julius Robinson, recorded a series of coordinated breakthroughs between November 28 and November 29,2025, in ongoing efforts to dismantle criminal networks linked to theft, armed violence, and cult-related activities across Ughelli, Oghara, and Sapele.

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Edefe said that acting on credible intelligence around the Ekuigbo axis, the team intercepted one of the syndicate’s key actors, Kelvin Oke,42 , and recovered a stolen tricycle in his possession.

“More coordinated operations led to the arrest of two additional suspects: Victor Oyaye, 26, of Otor-Ogor community, identified as the gang leader, and Monday Emakpo, 31 , of Okpara community, residing in Agbara, Ughelli.

“Another stolen tricycle and a locally made shotgun loaded with six live cartridges were recovered.

“Building on this momentum, CP-SAT sustained the offensive into the Oghara–Sapele axis, and on November 29, 2025, acting on further intelligence, operatives stormed the residence of one Jeffery Saint, 28, of Ogharake, Oghara.

“The suspect attempted to evade arrest, but was swiftly restrained. A meticulous search of the premises led to the recovery of a locally fabricated Beretta pistol and 15 rounds of live ammunition, which were concealed and ready for criminal deployment.”

Similarly, he disclosed that on November 29, 2025, operatives of the Eagle Net Special Squad, under the command of SP Danyaya Inusa, were conducting a routine stop-and-search operation around the Northwest Filling Station by Mariam Babangida Junction, along the Asaba–Benin Expressway, when a seemingly ordinary traffic check turned into a dramatic chase.

The officers closed in quickly and apprehended the fleeing suspect, who was later identified as Ezekiel Edeya, 28, of Emevor in Isoko North LG.

A thorough search was conducted, leading to the recovery of a red handbag he had attempted to discard. Inside the bag were one locally fabricated pistol, three live cartridges, an iron plier, and one screwdriver. Suspects are in custody and the investigation is ongoing.”

In his remarks, CP Olufemi Abaniwonda commended the operatives for their gallantry and appreciated stakeholders for trusting the police with information in crime fighting.