

## Gunmen kill motorist, abduct others in Imo community



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**OWERRI—Gunmen have killed a motorist and abducted occupants of another vehicle at Amala Autonomous Community in Ngor Okpala Local Government Area of Imo State.**

**The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Henry Okoye, confirmed the incident in a statement, yesterday, noting that the attack occurred on Sunday evening.**

**Investigations revealed that the assailants emerged from a nearby bush and opened fire on a Toyota Highlander SUV killing the driver, before abducting the occupants of a Lexus RS300. Although the exact number of persons kidnapped had yet to be confirmed at press time, the wounded driver was rushed to a hospital where he was later pronounced dead.**

**The police in a statement, said: “The Commissioner of Police, Aboki Danjuma, has ordered sustained manhunt operations involving other security agencies and local vigilante groups to track down the perpetrators and rescue the kidnapped victims.**

**“Preliminary findings indicate that about 5:50p.m., armed men emerged from a bush path at Amala, shot the driver of a Toyota Highlander SUV and abducted the occupants of a Lexus RS300”.**

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**“Officers from the Ngor-Okpala Division swiftly responded to the distress call, secured the scene and evacuated the victim to the hospital, where he was confirmed dead.**

**“Joint security operatives have commenced intensive bush-combing, search-and-rescue and tracking operations within the Amala forest axis and surrounding communities. Investigations have also started, with encouraging progress recorded so far,” the statement added.**