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Police smash kidnap gang, kill five

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Five of the nine man notorious gang were killed during the exchange of fire with the police while four were arrested alive.

The four suspects arrested alive, include Kingsley Frank, Endurance Johnson, Ito Samson and Kwame Akpa. Parading the four suspects in Owerri yesterday, the command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Linus Nwaiwu, said the gang kidnapped one Mrs. Nzeribe Obianuju of Ekwema crescent, Owerri on February 22, 2011, and took her to an unknown destination. He said that after three days, the men of the command based on a tip-off, stormed the hideout of the kidnappers and rescued some of their victims. He said the breakthrough came two days after five suspected kidnappers were arrested for the kidnap of an 80-year-old woman, one Mrs Salomia Ndu of Obodoujiji in Ahiazu Mbaise area of the state.

He added that N730, 250 being the last ransom paid to the kidnappers by one of the victims was recovered.

Nwaiwu, who said investigation was on-going to ascertain the identities of those killed in the operation, assured the people of the state that the command was doing everything within the law to ensure that kidnapping becomes a thing of the past in the state.

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