

# Police kill kidnapper, rescue victim in Benue

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The Police in Benue State on Wednesday killed a suspected kidnapper during a gun battle with some gangsters to rescue one victim in Logo Local Government Area of the state.

Police spokesperson for Benue command, DSP Catherine Anene, said that the feat achieved was based on the ongoing operation to clamp down on kidnappers in the state.

She explained that the police

operatives of Operation Zenda tracked the kidnappers to their den and successfully rescued a victim, Peter Ogbonna, from them.

Anene said three of the kidnappers were overpowered and arrested by the police after a gun battle but one of the suspects later died from gunshot injuries.

"Today, 4th August, 2021, information was received that gunmen who kidnapped Mr Peter Ogbonna of Ugba town were in a hideout at Tse-Atoov, Alabar, Logo LGA, and the operatives quickly swung into action by invading the

hideout.

"On sighting the police, the suspects engaged them in an exchange of fire but the police were able to subdue them and three (3) of the suspects were arrested at the scene.

"One of them sustained gunshot injuries, and was rushed to hospital where he was confirmed dead and the corpse has been deposited at the morgue while two of them identified as Yakyuur Aondona and Teryange Myina are currently undergoing interrogation.

"The victim was rescued unhurt and has been reunited with his family," the PPRO added.

Anene further disclosed that one fabricated beretta pistol with four rounds of live ammunition were recovered from the suspects.

She noted that a cordon and search operation was going on in the area to arrest fleeing suspects with gunshot wounds, stressing the need for members of the public with useful information about the whereabouts of the fleeing suspects to quickly inform the police for necessary action.