

## Police arrest kidnappers of army officer, recover corpse

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The Rivers State Police Command said it has arrested three suspected kidnappers in connection with the abduction and killing of a retired Army Captain, Godfrey Zwallmark.

Speaking to journalists at the scene where the remains of the 64-year-old retired army officer was recovered, Rivers State Commissioner of Police, CP Eboka Friday, said the incident occurred on September 18, 2021. The CP said three suspects namely: Frank Ishie, Iwuji Reginald, and Gomba Okparaji were arrested over the incident.

He said the suspects had demanded N200m from the family of the deceased before he

was killed.

One of the suspects, Frank Ishie, who spoke to journalists on behalf of other suspects confessed to the crime.

The suspect explained that the victim was kidnapped at Agbonchia in Eleme Local Government Area.

He said the victim was shot on the leg as he proved stubborn while being taken to their den.

He revealed that the victim bled to death while his remains were dropped off at the new layout off Igbo-Etche road in Etche Local Government Area of the state.

The suspects also confessed that he had carried out four successful kidnap operations and that the victims were kept at their hideout at Igbo-Etche before ransoms were paid.