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DSP Alfred Alabo, the spokesperson of the command, who confirmed the incident, said security personnel were on the trail of the kidnappers.

Daily Trust reports that gunmen attacked the residence of the deceased at about 8:00 pm on Christmas eve in an attempt to kidnap her son.

The kidnappers shot sporadically into the air to scare residents of the community before proceeding to the residence of the retired squadron leader.

One of the occupants of the house who escaped disclosed that when the kidnappers attempted to kidnap the son of the deceased "the woman started pleading and trying to hold back her son from being kidnapped but one of the kidnappers pulled the trigger and shot the woman at close range."

"The retired squadron leader died on the spot; another occupant was shot in his leg while the kidnappers went away with the son of the deceased.

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"After the operation, the kidnappers, who came on motorcycles and in a car, fired several gunshots into the air again to aid their escape from the community. The incident caused serious apprehension and tension in the area," he added.