

Kidnapper killed, victims rescued in Rivers

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THE Rivers State Police Command yesterday said it killed a suspected kidnapper, and rescued a victim simply identified as Otumba, a Port Harcourt business man, on Tuesday.

The state's police spokesman, Ben Ugwuegbulam in a statement, said the armed men engaged men of the command in a heavy gun battle after they stormed their hideout in a mangrove forest. It was gathered that the victim was abducted about a week ago.

"Today, 08/05/12 at about 1830 hours, following discreet investigation, a combined team of Rivers State policemen stormed the Okujagu, Port Harcourt mangrove forest hideout of four armed hoodlums, who kidnapped one Otunba, a Port Harcourt business man on 03/05/12 at about 2240hrs, while driving into his house", he said.

The police image maker added that the N3 million ransom demanded by the hoodlums, was recovered and that the rescued victim has been taken to hospital for treatment.