

Police kill five suspected kidnappers in Imo

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POLICE operatives in Imo State on Monday raided the hideouts of some suspected kidnappers in the state, killing five on the spot and arresting four alive.

Parading the arrested suspects, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Linus Nwaiwu, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), on behalf of Imo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ibrahim Maishanu, disclosed that the suspects had abducted one Mrs. Obianuju Nzeribe at Ekwema Crescent, Owerri on February 22, demanding and collecting the sum of N737, 250 as ransom. The money, he disclosed, was recovered.

Maishanu said a tip-off enabled his men to track the abductors to their hideout at Mboke, Ihiagwa, Owerri-West.

He gave the names of the arrested kidnappers as Kingsley Frank, Endurance Johnson, Itoro Sampson and Kwame Apka, adding that identities of the dead ones were being ascertained alongside those of the ones who fled.