

Remains Of Abducted Delta Policeman Found At Umunede

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THE composing remains of Mr. Valentine Mbalu, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) at the 'C' Division in Asaba, who was abducted on March 5 on his way to Asaba from Agbor, where he lived with his family, were discovered yesterday at Umunede in Ika North East Council of

the state, 12 days after he was kidnapped.

Mbalu was reportedly abducted by suspected Fulani herdsmen between Ekwuoma and Umunede, along the Benin/Asaba/Onitsha Expressway, as he journeyed to Asaba from Agbor.

A reliable source, who would not want his name

in print, said one of the suspected kidnappers, a Fulani man who sells watermelon at the popular Abraka Market in Asaba, has been arrested.

It would be recalled that the decomposing body of the traditional ruler of Ubulu-Uku, Obi Edward Akaeze Ofulue III, who was also kidnapped by suspect-

ed Fulani herdsmen sometimes in January last year, was also found in the wood at Umunede few days after his abduction.

A distraught Delta State Police Command spokesman, Mr. Andrew Aniamaka, confirmed the development, but declined to give further details on the matter.