Gunmen abduct Edo commissioner, kill police orderly

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Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers at the weekend abducted the Edo State Commissioner for Science and Technology, Barr. Emannuel Agbale.

Agbale was kidnapped on the Benin-Ekpoma-Auchi Road, at Okhuo River in Uhunmwonde council of the state.

It was gathered that the commissioner was traveling from Benin to Ekpoma, when gunmen ambushed his vehicle and abducted him after killing his police orderly.

When contacted, the Edo State Police Commissioner, Lawal Jimeta, confirmed the incident. "The commissioner was kidnapped and our officer with him was killed," Jimeta said.

Jimeta said operatives of the command have started combing the bush in search of the commissioner, and assured the police would do everything possible to ensure he is released unhurt.

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