

# Police kill suspected kidnapper, rescue victim in Delta

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Operatives of Delta State Police Command, yesterday, invaded kidnappers' den, arrested a suspect and killed another, while others escaped in Abraka, Ethiope East Local Council of the state.

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The Guardian learnt that their victim, abducted near at a filling station was rescued unhurt and reunited with his family.

Confirming the development, spokesperson for the Command, Bright Edafe, said the operatives led by the Divisional Police Officer, Fabian Ayameh, while on routine patrol along campus III road Abraka, were alerted of a kidnap incident at a filling station in Abraka by a gang of four armed men operating in a silver coloured Lexus Sports Utility Van (SUV) marked: KSF 315 HF.

He said the team swiftly mobilised and went on the trail of the kidnappers.

“The suspects on noticing that the policemen were closing in on them, fired gunshots while trying to escape, and the police responded bravely.

“But their operational vehicle was successfully demobilised as a result of the superior firepower of the police, which made the hoodlums abandon their victim, jumped out of the vehicle and took to their heels running in different directions while firing gunshots in a bid to escape.

“The police officers, however, engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel and successfully neutralised one of them, arrested one with serious gunshot injuries, while two others escaped into the bush.”

Edafe stressed that one AK 47 rifle with breech no 06571 without magazine was recovered from them, while a manhunt for the other fleeing suspects is ongoing.