## Police kill two suspected kidnappers in A'Ibom

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AKWA Ibom State Police Command has confirmed the killing of two persons suspected to be kidnappers, who the police said met their waterloo while engaging its agents in a shoot-out at Afaha Obio Eno/Ntak <u>Inyang</u> villages, in Ibiono Local Government Area of the state.

At a news conference at the police headquarters in Ikot Akpan-Abia, the state Commissioner of Police, Sani Mogaji named those killed by the police as Asuquo Effiong and Utibe Etim. He added that another suspected kidnapper was currently helping police in their investigations.

Magaji said that four locally made pistols and 28 rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition were recovered from the hoodlums.

The CP, who expressed worry that the most of the kidnapping cases were still pending in court because of the unwillingness of witnesses to testify in court, however, urged members of the public to go about their businesses without fear, assuring that the command would do everything within its power to get rid of criminal elements in the state.

In his words, "We are doing our best, the prosecution is where the whole thing lies. Most people don't want to come out and give evidence. That is why we have

cases pending.