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## Delta police gun down kidnapers, armed robbers, recover vehicles

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**DELTA** State Police Command has gunned down a kidnapper in Utuiyo village in Okpara, Delta State and rescued the victim unhurt.



Two of the suspects

The police at Oghara Police Station also gunned down one of the armed robbers who invaded Corpers' Lodge at Ovade-Oghara and robbed the corpers of their money,

laptops, electronics and handsets.

The DPO Isiokolo Division, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Iwok Ndifereke was said to have received distress call that one Abemu Gabriel 'm' of Oviere community, a teacher attached to Oruodo primary school in Ethiope L.G.A, was kidnapped by unknown gun men by the rail line at Okpara.

Sequel to that, the DPO was said to have mobilized his men and blocked all exit routes into the area and went after the hoodlums with his patrol team which caught up with the hoodlums.

According to Alkali Baba Usman Commissioner of Police, Delta State, the criminals on sighting the policemen opened fire on them and in the ensuing gun battle; one of the hoodlums was fatally wounded, while the rest suspects escaped with bullet wounds while he assured that efforts are on top gear to track down the fleeing criminals. In another development, the command has recovered a Hilux Van with registration number No. KD 406 XA used by the kidnappers for operation while their victim has been released by his abductors.

The DPO Ibusa Division was said to have received a report from one woman that some armed men invaded her father's residence at Eziukwu quarters Ibusa and abducted her father, one Ogbogu Okonji 'm' and drove him away in a Hilux pick-up Van.

The complainant added that the hoodlums had earlier on robbed them of their money, nine handsets and some cartons of Juice drinks, value yet to be estimated.

The commissioner claimed on receipt of the report, anti-robbery patrol team went after the kidnappers and traced them to a farm road at Eziukwu, Ibusa, where the hoodlums on sighting the team abandoned their operational vehicle, one Hilux pick-up van with Reg. No. KD 406 XA and escaped into the bush with the victim.

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