

# Kidnapper Shot Dead While Attempting To Collect Ransom In Kogi

A member of a three-man kidnap gang was shot dead by hunters as he attempted to collect ransom in Abobo village in Okehi Local Government Council of Kogi State.

A hunter, who was part of the operation, said the shooting happened about 5:23a.m on Tuesday.

The man came from a hide-out around Abobo area, behind Itakpe, metres from the high-

way

One hunter opened fire on him and killed him instantly. The hunters eventually rescued the victims held captive in the area.

The corpse of the slain man and a gun recovered have been handed over to police in Okehi.

Hunters reportedly combed the forest for remaining kidnapers, who sustained gun-

shot wounds.

It was learnt that the chairman of Okehi Local Government, Abdulraheem Ohiare Ozovehe, who visited the scene after he was alerted, commended the hunters for engaging the kidnappers.

The chairman called on residents of the area to continue to support the security agents, vigilante and hunters in order to tame activities of kidnap-

pers.

He expressed his administration's determination to secure lives and property of entire people of the local government area.

The spokesman of Kogi State Police Command, DSP Williams Ovyé Aya, said he was aware of the incident, but said he will contact the DPO in charge of Okehi Division for details.

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