ABDUCTION: Police Kill 2 Suspected Kidnappers Of Reverend Father

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Luck ran out of two kidnap suspects, Celestine Emmanuel from Umuaka, Njaba Local Government Area of Imo State and Ibeawuchi Uzo, a native of Ohaozara, Ebonyi State, who kidnapped a Catholic priest, Reverend Father Philip Ojimmadu, as they were gunned down during an exchange of fire with the Imo State Police Command's anti-kidnapping unit while attempting to rescue the cleric at the weekend.

The state commissioner of Police, Austin Evbakhavbokun, who disclosed this to newsmen in a press conference yesterday, narrated that the Catholic priest was allegedly kidnapped by the suspects along Odumara in Orodo, Mbaitoli Local Government Area of the state while driving his Nissan vehicle with registration number APP 393 CP.

He was said to have been subsequently taken to their den at Afor Umuaka where he was kept for a day.

The CP further disclosed that his men, acting on a tip off, swooped in on another two suspects, Obinna Mba, a 30 year old from Orodo, Mbaitoli area of the state and Uche Frank, 31 from Umueze, Ehime Mbano, in a hotel located at Abayi, Abia State, while attempting to sell the priest's car.

Upon interrogation, he added, the suspects confessed and led the police to where the priest was kept at Afor Umuaka, Imo State.