

Rivers: Suspected Kidnapper Killed During Ransom Collection In Rivers

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A suspected kidnapper has been killed by men of the C4i Intelligence unit of the Rivers State Police command, when members of his gang attempted to collect third ransom from their kidnap victim, who has been released.

Commissioner of Police in the state, Nwonyi Polycarp Emeka, disclosed this yesterday while parading some sus-

pects at the Police headquarters in Port Harcourt.

Nwonyi stated that after the kidnappers released their victim, who was kidnapped on August 5, 2023, the gang kept calling the victim and were demanding for monies.

The Police chief said: "Police operatives of the command attached to the C4i Intelligence Unit, on Monday, August 28, 2023 at about 5pm, while acting on credible intelligence, around Choba axis arrested One Promise

Ebi, aged 38 of Lobia Community in Southern Ijaw local government area of Bayelsa State, who led the kidnap of one victim name withheld on 5th of August 2023, around Uniport, Choba axis and was later released.

"The same kidnappers called the victim's line and collected another N2, 000,000.00. These same kidnappers called the released victim to bring N3, 000,000.00 to the Choba area of Rivers State, where

one of them met his Waterloo.

"He was later rushed to the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital for treatment but later died. The victim's SIM card was recovered from him, while efforts to get other suspects are ongoing."

Nwonyi said a total of nine suspected armed robbers, cultists and kidnappers were arrested in parts of the state within the month of August 2023.