

# Police Kill 3 Suspected Kidnappers, Recover Ammunition In Delta

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Operatives of the Delta State Police Command engaged some kidnappers in a fierce gun duel where three of the suspects were killed while one other escaped with gun injuries.

Armed with information and exhibits found in an abandoned vehicle, the Divisional Police Officer, Ebrumede Division, CSP Iwok Ndifereke led operatives to the hoodlums' hideout in Agbarho, Delta State.

The policemen overpowered the hoodlums with three of the suspects sustaining serious gunshot injuries while another escaped.

The suspects were taken to the hospital where they were confirmed dead, and one AK-47 rifle recovered from them.

The encounter followed the failed attempt to kidnap the wife of a member of the Delta State House of Assembly, (DSHA) on September 2, 2024 at Okoloba Junction, Jakpa Road in Uvwie local government area of the state.

The suspected kidnappers had murdered two mobile policemen and the driver of the lawmaker, Mr. David Imela in the encounter.

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Police Public Relations Officer, Delta command, SP Edafe Bright, said the Commissioner of Police, (CP), Olufemi Abaniwonda immediately ordered water-tight deployment around Warri and environs as well as narrowing the roads and blockage of all exit points.

“It didn’t take long as police operatives of Ebrumede Division led by the DPO, CSP Iwok Ndifereke strategically deployed and created an artificial hold-up at DSC Roundabout and sighted the vehicle as described with a matching registration number.

“On noticing the traffic and sighting the policemen, the hoodlums opened fire on the team which the team equally responded professionally owing to the busy nature of the area.

“The hoodlums immediately abandoned the vehicle shattered with bullets and escaped with bullet injuries. Three AK-47 rifles and their operational vehicle with registration no. WWR-436-GZ were recovered,” Edafe said.

Adding that not satisfied with the escape of the suspects, the CP directed the DPO to go all out to ensure the arrests of the suspects and bring them to book.

The police spokesman added that manhunt has been launched to apprehend other fleeing members of the gang.