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Police kill suspected kidnapper in Edo

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THE Edo State Police Command yesterday killed a suspected kidnapper at Igarra, Akoko Edo Local Government Area.

The identity of the suspect could not be ascertained at press time last night.

The police said the suspect, a member of a kidnap gang, was killed, following the abduction of a 58-year-old butcher.

The suspected kidnapper and other members of the gang poised to be cow dealers and lured their victim into a forest.

They allegedly told their victim that they had some cows to sell.

The butcher was abducted and relocated to a forest at Ibi-lo while a N5 million ransom was demanded from his family.

The police were said to have stormed the kidnappers' hide-out.

The suspect was reportedly killed in a gun battle with the police.

The victim was said to have been rescued unhurt.

Police Commissioner Chris Ezike warned that security agency would not tolerate criminality in the state.

He said the command was on the trail of other members of the kidnap gang.

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