

## 2 Police kill two 'kidnappers', arrest another in Delta

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**O**PERATIVES of the Delta State Police Command have killed two suspected kidnappers and arrested another one said to have terrorised Ughelli and Warri areas of the state.

The suspects were neutralised in two operations carried out on January 16 and 18 by operatives attached to the Ughelli and Ekpian divisions.

The command's spokesman Bright Edafe said the dragon patrol teams 19 and 20 received information on Wednesday evening while on stop and search duty around Quest FM, the along Ughelli/Patani Expressway, that a man had earlier been kidnapped. He said they swung to action and with the community's help, they rescued the victim.

He added: "The policemen, with active support of community members, trailed them to Patani road, where the hoodlums, on noticing that the police were closing in on them, drove recklessly and were in an accident.

"The police quickly intercepted the car while trying to flee the scene, arrested one of the suspects, named Lucky Owofasa (28), of Ewu community, Ughelli North council. A cut-to-size locally-made gun and three live cartridges were recovered from him while others escaped. The victim who was locked in the boot of the car was rescued unhurt and reunited with his family. Manhunt for the other fleeing members of the gang is ongoing."