

Police kill two kidnap suspects, rescue woman



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The police in Anambra State have killed two suspected kidnappers and rescued a female victim unhurt.

They were killed in a shootout at Uga, Aguata local government area last night, while some others escaped with bullet wounds.

Three vehicles, two automatic pump action guns, 11 live cartridges, and a bag containing a walkie-talkie, one cell phone and incriminating items were recovered from suspected kidnappers.

The above details were revealed by Anambra State Police Commissioner, Aderemi Adoye, while briefing newsmen at the command's headquarters in Amawbia, Akwa, last night.

Accoridng to the police boss, the kidnapped woman was rescued at Ichida bus stop, along the Ichida-Igboukwu expressway at about 8:30pm in collaboration with local

vigilantes.

He said preliminary information revealed that the eight-member gang operating with two vehicles a Grey Highlander SUV and a white Lexus 350, abducted the victim in her Highlander jeep.

“Joint security operatives attached to Forward Operating Base, FOB, while on patrol around Uga-Ezinifite Expressway, in an attempt to stop two vehicles that drove suspiciously, an ash highlander jeep and a white Lexus 350.

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“The occupants started shooting sporadically to escape police screening. The joint forces engaged the armed hoodlums, neutralized two of the gang members.

“Meanwhile, in an intense chase by the joint forces, the deadly gang abandon the white Lexus 350 jeep and took to their heels.

“Further information shows evidence of blood stains on all the vehicles as they have escaped with bullet wounds.

The CP called on operators of public and private hospitals to admit but report anyone with bullet wounds or related injuries to the nearest police station.

“We’re not in the habit of telling criminals to relocate from the state. We won’t create problems for neighbouring states. We have what it takes to deal with them here squarely unless they turn a new leaf.

“When we sustain operations, we don’t need anyone to advise them, they’ll advice themselves.

“For cross-border crimes, we’re synergising with other states, including sharing intelligence. We’ll make the entire Southeast too hot for criminal activities so they don’t have any hiding place.

“But we want to minimise loss of lives as much as possible because life is sacred. It’s foolishness to engage in unprofitable enterprise that will end in death,” said Aderemi.