

Kidnapper shot dead, victim rescued

A suspected kidnapper has been gunned down and his abductee rescued by operatives of the Delta State Police Command.

The deceased and his fleeing gang members operating in a tricycle, allegedly kidnapped a man along Jakpa Road, Effurun, Uvwie council area of the state, around 11pm on Saturday.

According to a statement yesterday by police spokesman, DSP Bright Edafe, neutralising the suspect and rescuing his victim followed the proactive policing instituted by the Commissioner, CP Wale Abass.

From Elo Edremoda, Warri

He said a patrol team attached to Ebrumede Station that was on stop-and-search duty flagged down a Lexus saloon car but the occupants, who noticed the police, jumped off the vehicle with a double barrel gun and fled the scene.

"Some of the police operatives gave them a hot chase during which one of them bearing the firearm was neutralised, while others escaped. On a closer look at the abandoned vehicle, a kidnapped victim was seen blindfolded.

"He was immediately rescued

by the operatives and taken to the police station where he stated that he was kidnapped along Jakpa Road, Warri on the same date at about 2100hours, by the suspects, who used a tricycle to hit his vehicle from behind.

"In an attempt to confront them, they brought out the double barrel gun and forced him into his own vehicle.

"The victim had transferred the sum of N700,000 as ransom to the suspects account before help came," said Edafe.

88 suspects

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