

## Suspect killed as police thwart attempts to kidnap businessman



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Asuspected kidnapper has been neutralised during a failed attempt to kidnap a businessman in [Adamawa State](#), the police command said yesterday. Police operatives attached to Gombi Division and local Sarki Baka Gombi hunters who acted on credible information, early yesterday engaged some suspected kidnappers in a gun battle when they attempted to abduct Gideon Bitrus, a resident of Jangra village in Gombi local government area.

The command said a locally made pistol, three cartridges, some charms and N2,700 cash were recovered from the suspects.

A statement by police spokesman, Suleiman Nguroje, said upon receipt of the information, the operatives designed a security ring around the target, engaged the suspected kidnappers and prevented them from committing the crime.

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“The five-man gang were engaged in a gun duel. As a result, one was neutralised and others escaped with bullet wounds,” the statement said.

It added that the Commissioner of Police, CP Afolabi Babatola, commended the DPO Gombi, his men and the hunters for the gallantry that resulted in the crime prevention.

He directed them to sustain the tempo as a strategy to prevent further crimes.

“The CP calls on the populace to always inform the police of the whereabouts of criminals, especially those treating wounds,” it said.