

One killed as gunmen kidnap police officer, wife in Jalingo

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GUNMEN yesterday killed a woman and abducted a police officer with his family in an early morning attack at Mile 6, Jalingo, Taraba State.

Spokesman for Taraba Police Command, SP Usman Abdullahi, told *The Nation* that a serving policeman attached to Rivers State Command, his wife and daughter were taken away while a woman was shot and confirmed dead at the hospital.

"The kidnappers came and scaled through the fence and kidnapped one police officer attached to Rivers State Command by the name Gamaliel. In the process, they kidnapped his wife and daughter. They shot him and a woman in the house. The woman was confirmed dead at the Federal Medical Centre," Abdullahi stated.

He said the command was on the situation and working to ensure the victims were released.

"The command is working to make sure they are rescued unhurt," he added.

At the neighbourhood, a resident said the invasion occurred about 2 am yesterday and that they were over 40.

According to him, their target was a clergyman but they went for his family members as he was absent.