

# 3 die as police foil kidnap attempt in Delta

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AN anti-kidnap team attached to Area Command, Nigeria Police, Warri, Delta State, has foiled a kidnap attempt on one Mr Ozuem Chukwunalu Romanus, during the week.

The gun duel which, however, ensued between the police operatives and a three-man kidnap gang, left the three suspects dead after sustaining injuries.

The *Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the three kidnap suspects were planning to kidnap Mr Ozuem Chukwunalu Romanus, who is the Director of Ozuem Pet-

rol Station in Ndokwa West, Kwale.

The anti-kidnap team from Warri Area Command, was said to have got a wind of the plan and trailed the three-man armed kidnap gang, who drove in a *Toyota Camry* car, till about 8:45 p.m on March 5.

The suspects were said to have made good their plans and went after their victim at his residence along 'Hotel De La Nice' close, Kwale.

Having laid an ambush for them, the police detectives swooped on the suspects and a gun duel ensued during which the three suspects allegedly sustained fatal in-

juries.

The suspects were said to have died on the way to the hospital.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Delta State Police Command, DSP Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the incident, said items recovered from the hoodlums included one English Pump Action, one cut-to-size gun, seven live cartridges and the *Toyota Camry* car.

Kalu added that the corpses of the suspects have been deposited at the Central Hospital, Warri, for autopsy, while investigation is ongoing.