

# Alleged kidnapper who killed 67-yr-old after collecting N.1m ransom arrested

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THE Imo State Police Command has arrested one Kingsley Alaukwu (25) who was accused of kidnapping and killing a 67-year-old man, Gabriel Alaukwu and 38-year-old Iniobong Sunday.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Chris Ezike, made this known at the presentation of certificate/award to 28 police personnel who did the command proud.

According to the police commissioner, the victims were kidnapped on August 5 at Nkaraha in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area, and were later murdered and buried in a shallow grave after collecting N100,000 ransom from relations of the victims.

He disclosed that on August 25, following a painstaking investigation, op-

eratives of the command's Anti-kidnapping Squad arrested Kingsley Alaukwu who in company of two others now at large allegedly kidnapped and murdered the victims.

According to him, the arrested suspect confessed to the crime and disclosed the names of his accomplices as Ugochukwu Ekezie and Emeka Onuegbu.

Ezike said that the arrested suspect and the two at large "are gang members of one Uju Promise Ekene earlier declared wanted by the police.

The commissioner also paraded 16-year-old boy, Onyedikachi Iyaka, found with 1,400 rounds of chained GPMG live ammunition, rounds of AK-47 live ammunition, one AK-47 empty magazine, two empty magazines, one army camouflage, a police bullet-proof vest, among others.

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