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Man killed for allegedly kidnapping four-year-old boy in Anambra

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A 35-year-old man has been killed after he allegedly ab- ducted a four-year-old boy at Okpuno area of Awka, the Anambra State capital.

It was alleged that the suspect, who was identi- fied as Yusuf, from Sagamu in Ogun State, had snatched

the boy and tried to escape with him, but was spotted by residents of the area who promptly descended on him. The boy, whose name was given as Chukwuka Sunday, was then rescued and re- united with his mother. Confirming the incident in a statement, the state

Police Public Relations Offi- cer (PPRO), DSP Tooohukwu Ikenga, said the kidnapper was rescued and taken to hospital, where he was con- firmed dead.

Ikenga said: "Following credible information re- ceived on March 27, 2021 at about 8:30 a.m., a young man, suspected to have

stolen a child, was being mobbed along Umoudu Ok- puno, operatives of Anam- bra State Command at- tached "B" Division, Awka, raced to the scene.

"The operatives rescued and reunited the four-year- old child, named Chukwuka Sunday, with his mother, while the suspect, simply

identified as Yusuf, of about 35 years of age and from Sagamu, Ogun State, was also rescued from the mob and rushed to the hospital, where he was confirmed dead."

He said the Commission- er of Police, M.B Kuryas, had directed conduct of thorough investigation into

the circumstances leading to the death of the suspect- ed child trafficker.

He said the commissioner of police enjoined residents to promptly submit arrest- ed criminal suspects to the police for proper investiga- tion and prosecution, rath- er than engaging in mob action.