

Police kill two suspected kidnappers in Edo

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TWO suspected kidnappers have been killed by operatives of the Edo State police command at Powerline area, by Urokhosa community, off Benin-Auchi road.

The state assistant police spokesperson, Jennifer Iwegbu, in a statement on Thursday, said the suspected kidnappers were shot dead following a shootout between them and police operatives.

Iwegbu said acting on credible information during the police officers' routine night patrol, the divisional police officer (DPO) led his team to some kidnappers' hideout at Ogwuweka forest, off Benin-Auchi expressway.

She added that during the operation, two suspects who were arrested led the policemen to their operational camp inside the forest in the same community.

Iwegbu said the suspects volunteered to lead operatives to another operational camp at Powerline area, but when they got there, they were confronted with gunfire from the gang's members.

She added that a gun duel ensued, which led to the killing of two suspected kidnappers.

Iwegbu disclosed that operatives were already combing the bush in the area for possible neutralisation or arrest of other fleeing gang members.

"Items recovered from the hoodlums include one AK-49 rifle with 34 rounds of 9.9MM ammunition, two single-barrel guns with five live cartridges and one blue saloon Golf car."