

Police rescue kidnap victim, kill suspect in Delta

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OPERATIVES of the Delta State police command have rescued a kidnap victim and killed one of the suspected kidnappers during an operation.

The victim was reportedly abducted on Monday and was being conveyed in his Toyota Corolla car by the kidnappers on Akiweh expressway towards Ozoro town when operatives from Ozoro divisional police headquarters got wind of the development.

Immediately, the DPO of Ozoro Division, CSP Ogedengbe Areguamen, led a combined team of policemen and vigilantes from Ozoro and Akiweh communities, created a partial hold-up for an intensive stop-and-search when they sighted the said Toyota Corolla car.

While trying to stop the vehicle, the driver made a U-turn in an attempt to escape, but the police team went after them and demobilised the vehicle.

A gun duel then ensued, during which one of the

suspects was arrested with gunshot injuries, while one cut-to-size double-barreled gun and two live cartridges were reportedly recovered.

The victim, from Effurun, was later rescued unhurt and his vehicle recovered.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Bright Edafe, who confirmed the incident, said the injured suspect later gave up the ghost in the hospital where he was taken for treatment.

He added that efforts were already ongoing to arrest other members of the gang.