Police rescue abducted victim in Delta, kill one suspect

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OPERATIVES of the Delta State police command on Sunday rescued a kidnap victim and killed a suspect.

Police operatives from Abraka Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), SP Fabian Ayameh, rescued the victim while on a routine patrol on Campus III road in Abraka, in Ethiope East Local Government Area of the state.

Acting on a tip-off that a gang of four armed men operating in a silver-coloured Lexus Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) had whisked away a victim at a filling station in Abraka, Ayameh mobilised his officers and went after the hoodlums.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bright Edafe, said: "The suspects, on noticing that the policemen were closing in on them, fired gunshots while trying to escape, and the police responded.

"The policemen engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel and neutralised one of them and arrested one other suspect with gunshot wounds, while two others escaped.

"One AK-47 rifle with breech no 06571 without magazine was recovered.

"The victim who was kidnapped at the filling station has since been reunited with his family, while a manhunt for the other fleeing suspects is ongoing."