

# Police neutralise kidnap suspect, rescue victim in Delta

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Operatives attached to Ebrumede Police station, Delta State Police Command on Friday, killed a suspected kidnapper and rescued a victim.

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The incident happened on Friday during a stop-and-search duty at a location not far away from the police station where an unidentified occupant in a Lexuz Saloon escaped from the police.

The police, in turn, chased after them; in an attempt to escape from the police chase, they started shooting at the police. In retaliation, one of the suspects was hit by a bullet from the police, and during a search of the vehicle, a kidnapped victim was rescued.

Edafe said that the victim, who had already paid a ransom of N700,000, was kidnapped along Jakpa Road, Uvwie Local Government Area of the state, that same day.

The statement read: "On 29th July 2023, at about 2300hours, Police patrol team attached to Ebrumede Police station while on stop and search duty flagged down a Lexuz Saloon Car (reg. number withheld), but the occupant, on noticing the police, jumped down from the vehicle with a double barrel gun and took to their heels. Some of the police operatives gave them a hot chase, during which one of them bearing the firearm was neutralised while others escaped.

"On a closer look at the abandoned vehicle, a kidnapped victim was seen blindfolded, he was immediately rescued by the operatives and taken to the police station, where he stated that he was kidnapped along Jakpa Road, Warri, on the same date at about 2100hours when the suspected kidnappers using a tricycle hit his vehicle from behind, and in an attempt to confront them, they brought out the double barrel gun and forced him into his vehicle.

“Before he was rescued, he had already paid the sum of seven hundred thousand naira (#700,000) ransom to their account through bank transfer. The victim has been reunited with his family while the manhunt for the other fleeing suspects is ongoing.

“CP Wale Abass, while applauding the gallantry of the policemen, urged other command officers to follow suit and exhibit courage in line with their respective duties. He also urged members of the public to continue to trust and partner with the police, especially in the area of information, noting that the Police cannot do it alone without the community’s support.”