

# Police kill four kidnappers terrorising Delta residents

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**Recover AK-47 rifle, two locally-made guns, 20 rounds of ammunition, cartridges**

THE police command in Delta State has killed four members of a gang which specialised in kidnapping.

Spokesperson for the command, Bright Edafe, disclosed this on Wednesday in Warri.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, Edafe said the hoodlums were killed on Monday by operatives of the command during a patrol on the Jesse-Igueleba road.

He said the gang members sighted the patrol vehicle from their hideout, deflated its front tyre and engaged the patrol team in a gun duel.

"Due to reported incidents of kidnapping on Jesse axis of the state, the Commissioner of Police, Mr Wale Abass, directed deployment of operatives of the Special Anti-kidnapping and Cyber Crime Squad and DOPS Bufallo team, among

others, to the area.

"Consequently, on September 18, during a joint patrol on Jesse-Igueleba road, the team encountered a gang of bandits who laid ambush to attack and kidnap unsuspecting motorists.

"The hoodlums fired at the front tyre of the lead pickup van, thus demobilising the vehicle.

"They were swiftly engaged in a gun duel by the police

team. The bandits eventually succumbed to the superior firepower of the policemen," Edafe said.

According to the spokesperson, the police team pursued the bandits into a forest during which four of them were killed.

Edafe said one AK-47 rifle with 20 rounds of live ammunition, two locally-made cut-to-size guns and cartridges were recovered from them.