

3 Police kill suspected kidnapper in Delta, rescue victim

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A suspected kidnapper has been killed by police operatives in Nsukwa community, in Aniocha South Local Government Area of Delta State.

It was gathered that the suspected kidnappers had abducted a victim who was driving home with his motorcycle on the Ashama Anu-Ugbo Farm road last weekend and had demanded N5 million ransom.

The state Police Public Re-

lations Officer (PPRO), Bright Edafe, in a statement on Wednesday, said upon alerting the police about the incident, an intensive operation was conducted to rescue the victim.

Edafe said: "On December 9, at about 12:10p.m, acting on credible intelligence about the arrangement of the kidnappers on the collection of the ransom, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Nsukwa, George Omuonu, mobilised men of the divisional patrol

team with the active support from operatives of the command's tactical teams and other security agencies within Nsukwa area.

"The suspects were traced at different locations within the Egbudu-Akah bush, where the team combed the bushes relentlessly.

"The kidnappers, upon sighting the rescue team closing up on them, opened fire on the team.

"This hostility necessitated the police to respond with

superior fire, which eventually forced the captors to take to their heels, leaving behind the male victim who was then rescued unhurt.

"The team later returned to Egbudu-Akah bush, where one of the suspected kidnappers was apprehended with bullet wounds."

The police spokesperson said the suspect was rushed to the General Hospital, Isheagu for medical attention, where he died while receiving treatment.