

# Abia police neutralise 6 kidnappers involved in oil magnate killing

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**ABIA** State police said it has neutralised six kidnap suspects alleged to have been involved in the killing of an oil magnate, one policeman and another person. (1)

On April 3, a former national president of Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Obasi Lawson, was said to be returning to Port Harcourt from his village in Arochukwu, Abia State with his friend, the Managing Director of DozzMan Filling Station, Mr. Chidozie Confidence Chijioke and some police escort.

On getting to Mkap Jekere, Ndoki, in the Azumini axis of Abia State, they were attacked by gunmen.

During the attack, a policeman, ASP Tanko Natip, Chijioke and Lawson's driver were killed.

The gunmen abducted Chief Lawson, the Director of Sobaz Oil and Gas and took him to an unknown destination.

However, Abia Police Command according to a statement by its police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Maureen Chinaka, leveraging credible intelligence, on August 21, traced the suspected kidnappers to Ikot Ukpon village, Obot Akara Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State. (2)

Chinaka said on raiding the hideout, six of the suspected kidnappers were arrested.

However, as operatives of the Command were exiting the camp after the successful operation, they were ambushed by other members of the gang, who attempted to rescue their partners in crime.