

# Nigerian Police kills suspected kidnapper

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**A suspected kidnap kingpin, Sampson Okwudirigbo, who was said to have been terrorising Imo residents from his base in Port Harcourt, has been shot dead.**

Police spokesman in Imo State, Linus Nwaiwu, told journalists on Sunday in Owerri, that the suspect was trailed to his girl friend's house in Port Harcourt, where he was shot while attempting to attack the policemen who went for his arrest. Mr. Nwaiwu said that the kidnaper, whose remains were seen lying on the premises of the police headquarters, died while the police were bringing him back to Owerri in the morning.

The police also paraded a member of the gang, who hailed from Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo, and said to be Mr Okwudirigbo's point man in the state. The police also said that it smashed a syndicate, which included a member of staff of a new generation bank in Owerri, that specialised in the use of the cell phone to extort money from unsuspecting members of the public. The bank official and his girl friend also in police net, reportedly conspired with two other members of the syndicate to extort N500,000 from one Margaret Oparaigbo.