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One killed as police, kidnappers clash

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THE Akwa Ibom State Police Command have shot dead one kidnapper while several others sustained bullet wounds following shoot out between the hoodlums and the police at Ikono Local Government Area.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sani Magaji, disclosed this to newsmen while parading the suspects at the police headquarters in Ikot Akpan-Abia, Uyo, the state capital.

Magaji gave the name of the kidnapper that felled to the bullets of the police as Ubong of Atai Obot Offot village in Uyo Local Government Area.

The police boss stated that his men acted on tip-off from

members of the public.

He explained that the command also rescued a kidnapped victim at Obio Itak Village, in Ikono Local Government Area of the state.

Magaji added that one Godwin Etuk of Edebom in Nsit Ibom Local Government Area was arrested by the police during the gun battle that lasted for about an hour.

The commissioner of police said that two vehicles belonging to the hoodlums were seized by the police.

While reiterating the commitment of the command towards getting rid of criminal elements in the state, Magaji urged members of the public to give the police necessary

information about the hideouts of some of the armed robbers and kidnappers in the state.

He explained that the command was doing everything possible to get other fleeing members of the group with gun shot wounds.

He said, "The operatives engaged the hoodlums in a gun battle where one of the kidnappers identified as Ubong of Atai Obio Offot village, Uyo LGA was shot and killed while another by name Godwin James Etuk of Edebom in Nsit Ibom LGA was arrested.

"Two vehicles used by the kidnappers were recovered. Efforts are on top gear to track down fleeing suspects with bullet wounds."