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Kidnappers kill, bury victim in shallow grave

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Suspected kidnappers, who killed their victim, one Mr. Friday Ozogo, and buried him in a shallow grave, have been arrested by men of the Rivers State Police Command.

The suspects had on July 5, 2015, abducted Ozogo, but after collecting over N500,000 as ransom, they shot the man in the neck and buried him in a shallow grave.

The Rivers State Police Commissioner, Mr. Chris Ezike, who said this while parading the suspects in Port Harcourt, said Ozogo's killers still pestered members of his family of their victim for more money without informing them that he had been killed.

Ezike, who identified the suspected kidnappers as Kelvin Ogbulaon (22), Chinwedu Akani (20) and Nelson Kacaranmoh (23), said they had confessed to the crime.

The police commissioner explained that Ozogo's corpse had been exhumed and taken to the mortuary after a proper identification by the deceased family.

"On July 5, 2015, one Friday Ozogo was kidnapped around Elekahia by a gang of three armed men. For inexplicable reasons, the kidnappers killed their victim and hastily buried him in a shallow grave around Choba waterfront."

"Unfortunately, despite their callous actions, the kidnappers collected over N500,000. They pestered

the family until the police, through diligent investigation, tracked and arrested them.

"The suspects confessed to the crime and took the police to the location where they buried their victim. The corpse had been exhumed and taken to the mortuary for autopsy," he said.

Ezike further stated that the police recovered two locally-made pistols from the gang.

He said, "This act shows the depravity, wickedness and reprehensible disposition of these young men (suspects)."

Speaking with *PUNCH Metro*, one of the suspects, Chinwedu Akani, said they shot their victim in the neck in error.

He said, "We never meant

to kill him. We shot him in the neck by mistake."

The state police commissioner also paraded one Elihah Owoh, who was arrested for robbery.

The CP said a male victim was killed during the operation of the gang around Eneka Farm Road in Port Harcourt.

"He (suspect) admitted being a military man on AWOL (Absent Without Leave), saying he hid his AK-47 rifle somewhere in a forest around Eneka.

"The police recovered the firearm along with a Mercedes Benz, 190 model.

"The military authorities have been contacted to confirm the claim of the suspect while investigation is ongoing," Ezike added.