

2 Two die as police rescue six kidnap victims in Delta

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THE Delta State Police Command has rescued six kidnapped victims from their abductors at Okutolo on the Warri-Sapele Road.

The acting Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Bright Edafe, stated this on Monday in Asaba.

He said, "On April 3, 2021, information got to the DPO of the Orerokpe Division that a

Toyota Sienna with number plate BWR 301 SU was under attack by hoodlums armed with AK-47 rifles at Okutolo on the Warri-Sapele Road.

"The hoodlums shot and injured the driver and a woman, while other passengers were dragged into the bush; the DPO swiftly mobilised patrol teams, assisted by the military patrol team, to the scene and they went after the kidnappers into the forest.

"They gave the kidnappers a hot chase; the hoodlums, who could no longer withstand the pressure, quickly abandoned the kidnapped victims and fled.

"The patrol teams successfully rescued the six kidnapped passengers, including Edoma Rita, Evelyn Chinwekwe, Believe Omoruyi, Linus Kojo and Idolo Christina."

He said one of the injured passengers, Esther Ojemudia, was rushed to the hospital, but

she died while on admission.

The PPRO added that her corpse and that of the driver were deposited in a mortuary, while expended shells of 7.62 and 39mm ammunition were recovered from the scene.

He said the command had launched a manhunt for the hoodlums and appealed to members of the public to avail the police useful information that would lead to the arrest of the hoodlums.