

# Gunman killed as police battle suspected kidnappers in Edo

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**A** suspected kidnapper was killed in Ehor, Uhunmwonde Local Government Area of Edo State as a group of gunmen engaged the men of the state Police Command in a gun duel.

A statement by the state police spokesman, Kontongs Bello, indicated that the police at Ehor had responded to a distress call when the gun battle took place which led to the death of a member of the gang.

It was titled 'Death of kidnapper/recovery of firearm and ammunition'.

The statement read, "Today (Tuesday), operatives of Edo State Police Command attached to Ehor Division, while on routine patrol at Ugha axis in Uhunmwonde Local Government Area of the state responded to a distress call that hoodlums have blocked Benin-Auchi Road by Okhuo Hill and were waiting for vehicles to rob and kidnap travellers.

"On receipt of the information, the DPO in charge of Ehor Division swung into action by drafting tactical teams to the area. The hoodlums on sighting the police engaged them in a gun duel; the police successfully repelled them. In the process, one of the hoodlums was neutralised."