## Two killed as police, kidnappers clash in Ogun forest

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Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun

Two suspected members of a kidnap syndicate have been killed by men of the Ogun State Police Command in a forest in the state.

The suspects were reportedly sighted hibernating in the forest at the back of the ICT Polytechnic, Itori, in the Ewekoro area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed this on Monday in a statement.

Oyeyemi said the two suspects met their Waterloo when policemen in the Ewekoro divisional headquarters received information around 7.30am on their presence in the forest.

He said, "Many suspected kidnappers have been traced to the same forest before. The anti-robbery team of the Ewekoro division was quickly dispatched to fish out the hoodlums.

"On sighting the policemen, the gang opened fire on them and the policemen engaged them in a gun battle, which lasted for about 40 minutes.

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"At the end of the encounter, two members of the syndicate were gunned down, while others escaped with varying degrees of gunshot injuries.

"Recovered from them were one locally-fabricated shotgun, two live cartridges, two battle axes, empty shells of AK- 47 rifle ammunition, three Android phones, two small phones, eight pairs of slippers and two school bags."

The PPRO said the state Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, had directed a manhunt for the fleeing members of the gang.