

## Decomposing body of kidnapped Rivers ex-army captain exhumed, suspects arrested

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**O**PERATIVES of the Rivers State Police Command have exhumed the corpse of a retired Army captain buried in a shallow grave by his captors on Igbo-Etche Road in the Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The 64-year-old victim, Geoffrey Zwallamark, was abducted

from his residence in Agbonchia, in the Eleme LGA, by a four-man gang.

He was taken to a lonely area near Igbo-Etche Road, where he was shot in the leg. The victim subsequently bled to death.

The Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Friday Eboka, said Zwallamark was kidnapped on September 18, 2021, adding that the suspects were tracked and arrested after the

crime was reported.

He noted that the kidnappers, after establishing contact with the victim's relatives, demanded N200m.

Eboka said upon their arrest, Automated Teller Machine cards belonging to the victim were recovered from them.

"Today, we are here to exhumate the remains of the victim for autopsy and possible burial. Though the victim is dead,

his killers will face the law and justice will be brought to bear in the circumstance," he added.

The leader of the four-man kidnap gang, Frank Ishie, said he shot the victim in the leg when he refused to obey their orders.

"So, when we got the man, he was proving stubborn. I now shot him in the leg to make him follow us. Along the line, he died the same day because the bleeding was much," the suspect stated.