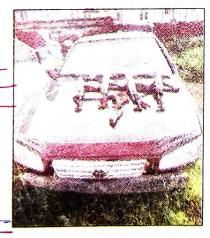
## Three Delta kidnap suspects killed, four rifles recovered

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THREE kidnappers suspected to have attempted to kidnap the wife of a member of the Delta State House of Assembly have been killed by the police in a fierce gun duel.

pUNCH Metro gathered that the hoodlums had failed in an attempt to kidnap the woman on September 2, 2024, at the Okoloba Junction, Jakpa Road, Uvwie, where the suspected kidnappers killed two policemen



The recovered riffles

and the driver, Mr. David Imela, during the incident.

However, the police spokesperson, Bright Edafe, confirmed this to PUNCH Metro on Sunday in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

He said, "Following the failed attempted kidnap of the wife of one of the members of Delta State House of Assembly where the suspected kidnappers murdered two Mobile Policemen and the driver, the Commissioner of

Police, Olufemi Abaniwonda, immediately ordered a water-tight deployment around. Warri and its environs as well as narrowing the roads and blockage of all exit points.

"Police operatives of the Ebrumede Division led by the DPO CSP Iwok Ndifereke strategically deployed and created an artificial hold-up at the DSC Roundabout and sighted the vehicle as described with a matching registration number.

"On noticing the traffic and sighting the policemen, the hoodlums opened fire on the team which the team equally responded professionally owing to the busy nature of the area."

He said the hoodlums immediately abandoned the vehicle shattered with bullets and escaped with bullet injuries while three AK-47 rifles and their operational vehicle with registration no. WWR-436-GZ were recovered.

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