

Kidnappers kill Delta vigilante for trailing them

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A vigilante member in the Okpanam community area of Delta State, Mr Samuel Okoro, has been shot dead by kidnappers.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Tuesday that the kidnappers had abducted their victims in the community on Sunday and moved them into the bush.

It was learnt that the vigilante member who saw the kidnappers in the bush and started trailing them, unknown to him that they had seen him and unfortunately was shot dead.

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Bright Edefe, confirmed the killing to our correspondent during a telephone interview and urged other vigilante members to always inform the police of their activities.

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He said, “Yes, the man is a vigilante in Okpanam and was killed by kidnappers. We heard that Mr Okoro saw the kidnappers in the bush and was trailing them before they shot him.

“So, we are advising others to always inform the police and not do that after kidnappers or armed robbers alone.”

Meanwhile, there had been a series of kidnappings and killings around Okpanam and Issele-Azagba in recent times in the state capital as farmers have abandoned their farms for fear of being kidnapped or killed.

