

# Abductee freed in Anambra as police gun down kidnapper

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A Nigerian policeman

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The Anambra State Police Command has rescued a kidnapped victim, killed one suspected and recovered several arms and other incriminating materials in a gun duel with hoodlums at the Amaokpala community in Aguata, Orumba Local Government Area of the state.

Our correspondent gathered on Sunday that the gun duel which occurred late on Saturday lasted for over one hour before normalcy returned to the area.

The spokesman for the Anambra State Police Command, Tochukwu Ikenga, who confirmed the incident in a press statement on Sunday, said operatives of the police-led joint security force from the Forward Operating Base Aguata encountered the hoodlums while on a night visibility patrol in the area.

Ikenga said, “In the late hours of July 12, 2025, operatives of the police-led joint security force from the Forward Operating Base Aguata, while on a night visibility patrol around Amaokpala, encountered a group of armed hoodlums and engaged them in a gun duel.

“During the operation, the operatives successfully rescued a 26-year-old female kidnap victim, neutralised one of the armed criminals, and recovered the following items: one pump-action gun, 11 live cartridges, one ash-coloured Toyota Camry Sedan with Reg. No: Lagos-EPE-208-FK, One Police belt.

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“Other items include one carton of Chelsea sachet alcoholic drink, one Zenith Bank ATM card, one axe, one small Tecno mobile phone, one packet of cigarettes, assorted charms and N2,700 cash.

“The hoodlums allegedly opened fire upon sighting the patrol team. The operatives tactically returned fire, leading to a gun duel that lasted approximately 40 minutes.

“One suspect was fatally wounded and later confirmed dead at a nearby hospital, where the body was deposited in the morgue for preservation.”

According to him, the rescued victim has since been debriefed and provided with necessary medical attention, ahead of a safe reunion with her family.

He added that the Commissioner of Police, Anambra State, Ikioye Orutugu, commended the gallant efforts of the operatives and reaffirmed the Command’s unwavering commitment to making Anambra State inhospitable to all forms of criminal activity.