

# Kidnapped ex-Ebonyi council boss killed, buried

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**F**ormer coordinator of Okposi Development Centre of Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, Mr. Ihebunandu Okorie, who was kidnapped on March 16, 2014 has been found dead at Edda in Afikpo South

Local Government Area of the state.

The corpse of Okorie was found in a shallow grave at a forest at Ekoli Edda in Afikpo South Local Government Area.

It was gathered that the leader of the kidnappers' gang was arrested when he came to collect N 5 million ransom even after the

death of their victim. An informed source said it was the arrested kidnapper who led soldiers to where the deceased was buried in a shallow grave.

Okorie was abducted inside the premises of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Obioha Okposi at about 1p.m after attending church service.

The kidnappers had earlier demanded N50 million ransom and later reduced it to N20 million and N5 million respectively.

On the day Okorie was kidnapped, it was gathered that the gunmen, who were armed, waited for him in the premises of the church and promptly whisked him away in his own car, a Toyota Sport Utility Vehicle, with registration number NCA 94.

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