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lution. Those that fell into our trap easily were childless couples, women in search

scare them away, we started requesting for

from people illegally."

How kidnappers killed victim, collected ransom -CP Ogunsakin

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The River State police command has declared total war on criminals especially armed robbers and kidnappers in the state.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Tunde Ogunsakin who paraded some suspected criminals recently, said tough time awaits criminals who fail to quit the state or repent from criminality. "We are coming after them with the full weight of law."

Parading the suspects, he said one Goodluck Udoh a native of Ika in Akwa Ibom State was intercepted by operatives from his command along Port Harcourt-Aba Express Road, Port Harcourt and three locally made revolver pistols recovered from him.

He said the pistols were concealed in his operational mask on his way from Akwa Ibom State. "The weapons were to be delivered to his comrades in crime at Elechi beach Port Harcourt before he was picked."

He said the police also arrested a member of a notorious four-man gang of kidnappers who allegedly killed one of their victims and collected ransom from the deceased family.

Ogunsakin said "one Promise Elemah of number 11, St Michael Lane, off Timothy Lane, Rumuigbo was kidnapped by four armed men who took him to an unknown destination, killed him and

dumped his body inside a sewage pit at Egbelu, Ogbogoro."

He said the hoodlums still went ahead to collect N570,000 ransom from the murdered victim's family.

According to him following discreet investigation, one Musa Azubuike Umez was arrested and during interrogation, he confessed to the crime and took detectives where they dumped the body of the victim. "The decomposed body was recovered from a soak-away pit."

He said another victim, Jane Agnomo, a staff of Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Port Harcourt was kidnapped by four armed men operating in a Jetta car.

He said the Anti-kidnapping Unit (AKU) was sent after the hoodlums and one Adogho Ehioze was trailed and arrested at a branch of GTB, while trying to collect N1 million ransoms for the victim's release. The police have since rescued the victim.

Also, one Ifeoma William Iheanacho of Mbieri, Imo State had gone to Zara boutique, No 4 Mbonu Street, D/line, Port Harcourt and pretended to be a customer.

She had earlier collected the GSM phone number of one Mrs Oroma Amadi from the sales girl, Kemeagbeye Rachael. She then purportedly sent text messages to Miss Rachael Kemeagbeye in the name of Madam Mrs Oroma Amadi to allow her collect whatever she needed since she was

in a meeting.

The suspect cleverly collected assorted wears, female bags, wristwatches, male/female shoes, and shirts worth N2.079 million and absconded immediately to No. 21b Parkview estate, Ikoyi Lagos State.

Upon receiving the information, the call data of the suspect was tracked through



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GSM network provider by operatives who arrested her in Lagos State and the above stolen goods recovered from her.

A gang of armed robbers numbering about seven attacked one Zitta Gardell Nowood and Satimehin Richard both of Eliowhani, Port Harcourt and carted away three laptops, jewellerys, assorted GSM phones, N380,000.00 cash and other valuables.

Upon receiving the information, police operatives moved to the scene and arrested two persons in connection with the matter.

The suspects who confessed to the crime led the police to the arrest of others. We recovered cash of N258,040.00, one Hp laptop, one I-pad, Blackberry phone, five Nokia phones, two bags, four machetes, one cutter.

Investigation is ongoing as effort is still being intensified to apprehend the remaining suspects.

"I want to restate my mission here in Rivers State, which is to make the state uncomfortable for criminals whilst upholding the tenet of protecting lives and property.

All evildoers within the state should repent or be ready to face the iron hand of a well-positioned police command. We will never stop, we will not waiver, we will not go weary and we will never say never in our fight against evil."