

3 kidnappers killed in Anambra

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The Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) in Anambra State, led by Commander James Nwafor, on Saturday night, engaged in a gun duel with some kidnappers allegedly terrorizing the state for the last four years after demanding N50 million ransom from their victim, one Mrs Edith Maduekwe.

The bubble burst, according to the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mr. Uche Ezech (DSP), when the victim's family later negotiated down the ransom and paid N1.4 million to the kidnappers and on a tip-off, SARS operatives stormed their Okpoko hideout in Onitsha, while they were sharing the ransom money.

Eze said on sighting the police, the kidnappers opened fire on them but the latter's superior fire power overwhelmed the former and three of the kidnappers sustained gunshot wounds and were arrested, while others escaped.

Those arrested, who were identified as Alozie (24), Eze (23) and one Ikechukwu, later died but not without giving the police useful information about members of the gang.

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