

# Kidnapper shot dead, victim rescued

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**OPERATIVES** of the Delta State Police Command have shot dead a suspected kidnapper at Ozoro area of the state.

The command also arrested five suspected kidnappers at the Ughelli area of the state.

The deceased was among the five hoodlums, who abducted the owner of Dreg Eateries, Ozoro,

Mr. Bamidele Daudu.

Five armed men had stormed the eatery and abducted the man.

It was while the hoodlums were taking him away that the police received a distress call and went after the hoodlums.

The kidnappers on sighting the police opened fire on them and the police engaged them in a gun duel.

One of the suspects was shot dead while others es-

caped and the victim was rescued by the police.

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Celestina Kalu, said: "One of the suspects that kidnapped Mr. Bamidele Daudu was shot dead by the police while four others escaped with bullet injuries. The victim was rescued unhurt.

She said the police recovered the Nissan Tera Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), belonging to the

victim and a locally made gun, loaded with one live ammunition.

Kalu said in another development, five suspected kidnappers were arrested at the Ughelli area of the state while they were about to abduct their victim (names withheld).

She said three locally made guns, five live cartridges and one Toyota Sienna bus were recovered from the hoodlums.