Police kill kidnapper, rescue 2 victims in Edo

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Edo State Police Command, yesterday, killed one kidnapper and rescued one Samson Osegbowa, 65, and Stanley Peters 38, along Obadan Community off Benin-Auchi road in Uhunmwonde Local Government Area of the state.

The deputy police public relations officer of the command, ASP Iwegbu Jennifer, disclosed this in Benin City.

She said men of the operatives of the command responded to a distress call that two men working on their farms have been kidnapped.

"As part of efforts by Edo State Police Command to sustain the ongoing fight against nefarious activities in the state, especially kidnapping, Police Operatives of the Command rescued two kidnapped victims.

"Operatives of the Command, while on patrol along Obadan community off Benin-Auchi road in Uhunmwonde LGA of Edo state responded to a distress call from distraught indigenes of Ago-Orio community along Benin-Lagos road that

a four-man armed gang suspected to be kidnappers had taken two persons, One Samson Osegbowa 'and Stanley Peters while working on their farmland."

"On receipt of the information, the team of Operatives in collaboration with the community's local vigilantes immediately swung into action, moved to the scene and embarked on intensive bush combing.

"During the rescue operation, both victims were rescued unhurt and have since been reunited with their family members. However, one of the kidnappers was neutralized during the operation', Iwegbu disclosed.

She listed items recovered at the scene of the crime to include one wooden gun, three cutlasses, one torchlight, and a pair of operational shoes, adding that intensive bush combing of the area is still ongoing for possible arrest of the other fleeing gang members.