

# Fleeing suspects in car crash, police kill 2 others

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A fleeing gang of suspected kidnappers have been involved in a road accident along the Ughelli-Patani Expressway in Delta State.

The suspects had kidnapped a victim whom they locked in the trunk of their ill-fated operational vehicle. They drove recklessly on noticing that the police were on their trail, hence the accident.

Delta State Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Bright Edafe, said one of the suspects, Lucky Owofasa, 28, was arrested, while the kidnapped victim was rescued unhurt.

Edafe, said one locally made gun, three live cartridges, were recovered from Owofasa, adding that manhunt for other fleeing members of the gang has been intensified.

The police image maker also confirmed the killing of another suspect during a fierce exchange of fire between another gang, and police operatives in Warri.

He said the gang had murdered a tricycle operator identified as Efe Peter, and carted away his tricycle. According to Edafe, the tricycle which had a tracking device, was trailed to Warri/ Sapele road by Mercy City Church, where the robbers on sighting the police opened fire in a bid to escape.