

Enugu police rescue 4 kidnap victims, neutralise suspect

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OPERATIVES of the Nigeria Police Force, Enugu State Command, have rescued four travellers who were held captive by kidnappers operating along the Ugwuogo-Opi-Nsukka road yesterday.

The spokesman of the command, Daniel Ndukwe, said in a statement that one of the suspected kidnappers was shot dead, while a manhunt for other members of the gang was ongoing.

He said: "Police operatives of Enugu State Command, serving in Hawk Tactical Squad, today, December 19, 2023, at about

10am, swiftly responded to credible information and rescued four kidnapped victims (three males and one female) in a forest at Agbogazi-Nike in Enugu East Local Government Area, barely one hour after their kidnap.

"The hoodlums, upon sighting the operatives, opened fire on them, but the gallant and tactful operatives returned fire, neutralising one of the hoodlums (photograph withheld for ethical reasons), forcing others to escape with fatal gunshot wounds. One AK-47 rifle loaded with 19 rounds of live ammunition was recovered from them, while further manhunt operations to fish out the fleeing suspects

are ongoing.

"Recall that police operatives of the command, working with other security personnel, similarly rescued travellers alleged to have been kidnapped along Ette Road in Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area, en-route Abuja, on December 13, 2023."

He said the Commissioner of Police, Kanayo Uzu-egbu, while reiterating the commitment of the police to deal ruthlessly with unrepentant violent criminals and their activities in Enugu State, has commended the gallant efforts of the operatives, charging them to ensure that the fleeing miscreants are fished out, dead or alive.