

Suspects behind abduction, killing of victim arrested in Delta

OPERATIVES of the Delta State Police Command have killed one and arrested three other suspected kidnappers and recovered an AK-49 rifle from the marauders.

Spokesperson for the command, SP Bright Edafe, in a statement on Saturday, said the gang was responsible for the kidnap of a male victim (name withheld) on May 17 at his residence in Adjakota area in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State and later murdered him.

The police image-maker said the members of the kidnap syndicate were arrested by a special operations team led by ASP Julius Robinson, deployed by the Delta State Commissioner for Police to deal with the incessant kidnappings in Ughelli axis of the state.

He said that the team, on July 1, arrested "one Ismaila Umaru, 28 years, of Kekura Village In Awe Local Government Area of Nasarawa State

but resident at Oghara town by Power Line, Delta State.

"On 4th of July 2024, at about 8:30 p.m, the suspect led operatives to the arrest of two other gang members namely Chede Mohammed, 18 years, a native of Nasarawa State but resident of Agwara in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State and Mohammadu Sani, 26 years, a native of Banbiru area of Abuja but resident at Upper Agbarho Area of Ughelli North.

"Acting on their confession, at about 5:30 a.m, on July 5, the operatives stormed the bush by Oviri-ogor where they encountered an attack from other gang members where one of the suspects hiding in the bush sustained serious gunshot injuries and was taken to the hospital where he died while receiving treatment.

"One AK-49 rifle was recovered in the hideout and investigation is ongoing."