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Police in Ebonyi State yesterday paraded 23 suspects arrested for kidnaping, robbery and cultism. Among those paraded were 10 suspects who allegedly kidnapped, killed and buried a 59-year-old woman at Ishiagu in Ivo Local Government Area, Mrs. Catherine Okorie, in a shallow grave.

The suspects included Mathew Ogbudike (29) a former soldier from Lokpanta Abia State, Chibuikwe Okereke, Ezenwa Nnazor, Kelechukwu Azubuike, Obichi Uzoigwe, John Nwankwo, Egu Chimezie, Chigozie Enyinnaya and Umeore Udochukwu. The suspects hail from Ebonyi, Enugu and Anambra states.

Parading the suspects before journalists at the state Police Command Headquarters, Abakaliki, the Commissioner of Police, Titus Lamorde, said they were arrested at different locations. The commissioner disclosed that Enyinnaya and Udochukwu supplied arms to the kidnap gang and had confessed to the crime.

He said: "The suspects also confessed to the kidnapping of Uchenna Emeblu at Ishiagu on Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway on March 1 and collected N400,000 ransom, robbed Emeka John on December 25, 2016 and shot him in the eye."

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