

Suspected Kidnapper Killed By Police In Edo



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Operatives of the Edo State Police Command killed a member of a four-man kidnapping gang in Benin the state capital.

The suspect was gunned down during a gun battle between the police and members of the gang in Ugbor community.

The victim was gunned down after they kidnapped a business man identified as Mr. Odion.

The State Commissioner of Police, Babatunde Kokumo, told newsmen while parading body of the slain suspect that operatives of the command had accosted the kidnappers on Wednesday morning and that the police swung into action after receiving report of the abduction of the victim.

Kokumo said the victim was abducted at about 8pm on Tuesday night and was with the kidnappers throughout the night until the police intercepted them.

He warned criminals to stay away from the state as his men were on the alert to arrest them.

Narrating his ordeal to newsmen, Odion said he was driving into his house at Sapele road when the

kidnappers blocked his car.

According to him, , “I am a businessman. As I was driving into my compound, I saw two armed men walked towards my car with a short gun and a battle axe. They requested for money and I gave to them. They later asked me to step out to sit at the back and I obeyed. They took my ATM card.’

He stated that, “They took me to an unknown destination. I was with them all through the night. From their discussion, I learnt they withdrew money from my bank account with my ATM. It was this morning that I was rescued”.