

# Police kill kidnapper, rescue Inspector, village chairman, recover arms

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**T**he police in Ebonyi State killed a suspected kidnapper in a gun duel.

They also rescued Inspector Ogbonnaya Nkama attached to the Police Detective College Enugu and one Paul Ngara, a chairman of Ngwogwogwo Ishiagu in the Ivo Local Government Area, was also kidnapped by suspected persons believed to be herdsmen.

Spokeswoman SP Onome Onovwakpoyeya in a statement said following a report of the incident on Sunday they stormed the hoodlums' hideout situated between the bound-

ary of Amata Ishiagu and Lokpanta in Abia State.

Onovwakpoyeya said: "The hoodlums on sighting police officers opened fire on them but were subsequently overpowered by superior firepower.

"Consequently, during the gun duel, one of the hoodlums was neutralized, two of the victims were rescued unhurt and three of the hoodlums were arrested unharmed.

"The suspects are Elochukwu Ojukwu aka Alhaji. Bula Iliyasu. Umaru Ahijo aka Gunner."

According to her, they recovered two AK-47 rifles, one long double barrel gun, 45 AK-47 live ammunition, 70 live cartridges from the gangsters.