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Personnel of the Commissioner of Police squad, of the Delta State Police Command have arrested three suspected kidnappers in the state.

This was investigation of a suspected kidnapper, Joel Ofoye in Ughelli.

It was learnt that the suspect was earlier arrested on July 18, 2024, and led the Police to the gun-runners who provided his gang with guns whenever they are going for operation.

Confirming the story the Delta State Police Public Relation Of-

Delta: Police nab 3 kidnap suspects, neutralise one, recover guns

ficer (PPRO), SP Edafe Bright, in a statement yesterday said the suspect while leading the personnel to Ewu community in Ughelli while on the trail of the arms suppliers to the kidnappers.

Bright said while on the operation, the team came under serious attack from the suspected gunrunners. The suspects were overpowered by the police and they fled with bullet wounds into the bush in the community.

He added that during the operation, Ofoye was hit and he was taken to the General Hospital, Ughelli where he died while receiving treatment.

Some of the items recovered from the suspects include; one Beretta Pistol with four rounds of live ammunition, one pump action with nine rounds of cartridges and one

locally fabricated revolver pump action.

In a similar vein, two other suspects were arrested in Kokori Community in Ethiope East Local Government Area of the state.

Bright said a 29-year-old victim (name withheld) was kidnapped on February 17, 2024 at his residence by five armed kidnapping syndicates and five million naira was transferred from his account to an unknown bank account by

the hoodlums.

The victim after regaining his freedom, reported the matter to the office of the Commissioner of Police, Olufemi Abaniwonda, who directed the CP's Special Squad to investigate and ensure that the perpetrators were arrested and brought to book.

It was in the process of investigation the personnel, led by ASP Julius Robinson, acting on available information provided by the

kidnapped victim embarked on a technically driven investigation, stormed Sapele town and raided the apartment of one Sapiro, and upon search, a Beretta Pistol was recovered and his gang members Tony Binitie 29, the leader of the gang, one Ejiro Ewuba 30 and Ayuba Hussaini 38, who is the receiver of the stolen victim's jewelries were arrested and phones and one million naira transfer into his account were also recovered.



Police

Anambra arrests 16 child beggars in night raid

The Anambra State Government, through the state Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Welfare, has begun a crack down on syndicates using children to beg for alms in Awka, the state capital and environs.

During a Tuesday night raid carried out by operatives of Awka Capital Development Authority, at the Aroma Junction in Awka and environs, no fewer than 16 child beggars and adults were arrested.

The Managing Director and

denied their right to education and instead exploited as beggars and petty thieves by unscrupulous individuals.

She said the 16 kids picked up during the raid have been handed over to the State's Operation Clean and Healthy Anambra Brigade for onward tracing of their parents and guardians.

She said, "This is happening despite Governor Chukwuma Soludo's provision of free basic education in the state

"We have therefore decided that this will no longer continue. For these children we picked up, we are going to trace their parents and find out why they are being used for begging.

"It is also a warning to parents to endeavor to give birth to only the number of children they can take care of, to avoid deploying them for these nefarious activities."

On his part, the Managing Director, ACTDA, Ossy Onuko, explained that the street beg-