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Kidnappers Kill Auto Dealer For Refusing To Pay N110m Ransom

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For refusing to pay N110m demanded from the managing director of God is Good Motors, a Benin City-based auto dealer has now been killed by his abductors.

His body was found in Ekiadolor, a village some 10km away from Benin City.

The managing director was kidnapped in Benin City, the Edo State capital, last Sunday shortly after attending church service and was on his way back home before he was abducted by unknown gunmen.

The police in Edo State, which confirmed the incident, said the kidnappers later established contact with the auto dealer's family in Benin City for the payment of N110 million, the non-payment of which ended his life.

This is the second time in one week that kidnappers in Edo

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State had brazenly abducted victims in broad day light.

Early last week, the son of the Chairman of Ovie South-West Local Government Area, Hon Monday Aighobahi was abducted from his school in Benin City.

The boy, reports indicate, was released three days later after his family had allegedly paid N10million ransom demanded by the kid's kidnappers.

In that incident, five persons, who attempted to foil the kidnap were killed by the kidnappers in a Hollywood-type getaway bid.

The kidnap and eventual death in captivity of the auto dealer brings to two the number of violent abductions in Edo State last week alone in which six persons have so far lost their lives.

Meanwhile, the Edo State Police Command has arrested 12 persons, among them, three policemen over alleged involvement in kidnapping in the state.

The Edo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Peter Ogboi, who confirmed the development, said one of the suspects, simply identified as Desmond Ebagba, a

student of University of Benin, admitted to newsmen that he had connived with three others, now at large, to abduct citizens of the state.

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