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BENIN—EDO State Police Command yesterday declared that it has arrested six suspected kidnappers with two of them suspected to be behind last month's murder of a popular Benin-based transporter, Deacon Godwin Ajere, Managing Director of God is Good Motors.

The suspected kidnappers were said to have been arrested at different locations in the state capital.

Vanguard gathered that one of the suspects, said to be a close family friend of the late transporter, was found with the late Managing Director's mobile telephone handset with the victim's number in which he sent text messages demanding for ransom.

It was further gathered that the suspect was arrested in the New Benin area of the state capital by the police who took his GSM set from him and scrolled down the messages where they discovered the text messages to the late transporter.

The police was said to have caught up with him when he was said to have knocked down a motorcyclist and took to his heels.

Edo Police Spokesman, ASP Peter Ogboi, who confirmed the arrest, said the police in the state would not allow hoodlums to wreck the economy of the state, saying that the implication of kidnapping in Edo State economy could best be imagined in the face of the economic hardship.

Ogboi who sued for collaboration from the public in crime combat however, assured investors and law abiding citizens of the state of adequate protection.

It would be re-called that kidnapping cases, which was said to be prevalence in the core Niger Delta states, has assumed a new dimension in Edo state with no fewer than 13 persons so far kidnapped.

In recent time, the city of Benin has been under the siege of kidnappers with several people including a seven-year-old boy and two women as victims.



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