

## Gunmen abduct mother, child gun down another in Onitsha

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ONITSHA – Gunmen suspected to be kidnappers yesterday abducted a woman and her child in the commercial city of Onitsha, Anambra State, even as the state government and security agencies have been boasting that criminal elements are being given hot chase in the state.

The gunmen who operated in the afternoon at the popular Enugu Park, near Zik's Mausoleum, at the Onitsha end of Enugu/Onitsha Expressway, also gunned down a passerby while they were shooting sporadically as they were carrying out the nefarious act.

According to the source, trouble was said to have started for the woman as she was being driven by her personal driver on her black Sport Utility Vehicle, SUV with her child on her laps.

On getting close to Enugu Park, the source stated, the hoodlums allegedly double-crossed the SUV and immediately five men who were welding AK47 rifles, started shooting indiscriminately into the air ostensibly to scare away any challenge as they forced the driver, the woman and her child to lie face down inside one of their cars and whisked away with them to an unknown destination.

As they were shooting, their stray bullet touched a man on the leg and he was said to have been rushed to a nearby hospital.

The sound of the shooting which rent the air resulted in travellers at the Enugu park and other road users to scamper to safety.

When contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, said that he was yet to be informed of the incident adding that he is trying to reach the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, in charge of Awada Police Station, on whose jurisdiction the incident occurred.

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