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## IN ABA: Woman changes products' expiry dates; 5 burglars arrested, kidnapper killed

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By Ugochukwu Alaribe

ABA—Operatives of the Abia State Police [Command](#) have reportedly shot dead a kidnapper and nabbed five suspected hoodlums, who allegedly burgled a building at Ogbor Hill as well as a betting outfit along Azikiwe Road in Aba.



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Among the suspects paraded

It was learned that members of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, Owerri-Nta Police Division, shot dead the yet-to-be identified kidnapper at the point of collecting ransom from the family of a kidnapped victim.



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Police sources told *Vanguard* that the late kidnapper and members of his gang had negotiated a N500,000 ransom from the family of one Sebastine Azubuogu, who lives at Abayi, Aba, without knowing that SARS operatives had laid ambush for him.

The suspect engaged policemen in a gun battle, but was gunned down and later confirmed dead at a nearby hospital.

Items recovered from him are four live cartridges, while efforts are on top gear to arrest other members of the gang.

## Burglary

In a related [development](#), the Command paraded Okenwa Ogbonna, Obioma Goodluck, Victor Abarue and Valentine Oko, who allegedly burgled the house of one Henry Okobi at Ehere in Ogbor Hill. Okobi was said to be away for the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Joseph Eke was said to have sneaked into the offices of Champion Pools along Azikiwe Road, hid himself in the toilet until workers left.

Parading the suspects, Commissioner of Police, Leye Oyebade, said after workers of the pools company had closed for the day, Eke broke into the main offices and allegedly made away with N1.6 million, a television set and other valuables.

Recovered from Ogbonna, Goodluck, Abarue and Oko are two desktop monitors, [blackberry phone](#), two laptop chargers, a power generating set, Tecno phone, a printer, a modem, two [computer keyboards](#), among others.

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