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## 2 in Police net for kidnapping, murder in Ogun

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ABEOKUTA— Operatives of Ogun State Police Command, have arrested two members of a kidnap syndicate, who kidnapped one Mariam Fagbohun

The command spokesperson, Abimbola Oyeyemi, who disclosed this in a statement in Abeokuta, said, the 50 years old mother of the victim was murdered in the process.

The statement read,:"Maraim Fagbohun who runs a provision store and a beer parlor was abducted by a six-man kidnapping gang in Ijoun, in Yewa North Local Government Area on August 21, 2020 when she closed from her shop and going home. In the process of abducting her, she raised the alarm which attracted people around including the victim's mother, Annah Fagbohun.

"While the people around were trying to chase the abductors with the aim of rescuing her, the kidnappers shot into their midst and the bullet hit the victim's mother Annah Fagbohun and she died on the spot. Distress call was made to the police, consequent upon which the DPO Egua division, Kalejaiye Olarenwaju led his men to the scene and with the collaboration of members of the community, they were able to rescue the victim and apprehended one member of the gang by name Jimoh Fayemi a native of Omu-Odo in Ekiti State.

"Upon his arrest, the Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun directed that the suspect be transferred to the Anti-kidnapping section with a clear mandate that the rest members of the gang must be hunted for and brought to book. The team embarked on a technical and intelligence based investigation which led to the arrest of another member of the gang in Ekiti State by name James Arowolo a, 47 year old native of Obo-Ayegunle in Kwara State".

"On interrogation, the duo confessed to having been contracted by one man simply known as "Ade" and his friend known as 'Doctor' who live in the same neighborhood with the victim to come and swindle her of a huge sum of money. Having realized that the woman will not fall into their trap, they decided to kidnap her and demand for ransom."

The statement noted that items recovered from them included three single barrel guns, 12 live cartridges and face mask.