

Rivers kidnappers lead police to remains of murdered Army Capt

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THREE arrested kidnappers, yesterday, led security operatives in Rivers State to the decomposed body of an Army Captain, Godfrey Zalamac, who they dumped at an Igbo Etche spot, Etche Local Government Area of the state after he died from gunshots in their custody, last month.

The suspects, who led a team of Army and Policemen led by Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Friday Eboka, narrated that they targeted and kidnapped the Army Capt based on information that he was wealthy and could fetch them over N200 million in ransom.

Eboka said the victim, who hailed from Benue State, was abducted around Agboncha in Eleme LGA and brought to the Etche forest notorious for criminal activities, particularly for killings for body parts and as a den for kidnappers.

Frank Ishia, one of the suspects, said: "Somebody brought the information to us that the man is a big man in petrochemicals and that if we can get him, we can get N200 million, which was why we went for him.

"So, when we caught the man, he was proving stubborn. We now shot him on the leg to enable him follow us. Along the line, he died the same day because the bleeding was too much. I cannot recall the date but I know it was last month.

"We kidnapped him from Agwancha pipeline. I do bunkering business. This is my fourth kidnapping assignment. The first was at Rumuokoro and we took the person to Igbo-Etche Road. The second happened at Artillery and we took the person to Igbo-Etche. The third one was at Igbo-Etche Road by Eleme Junction.

"The first one, they paid us N550,000. The second one was N500,000 and the third was N350,000 and this is the fourth.

"We are four in number. We have two Awka-made guns. The guns are with one of our members, his name is Julius alias Blacky but we cannot locate him."