

Police kill 2 suspected kidnappers, rescue 4 victims in Rivers

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PORT HARCOURT— Operatives of the Rivers State Police Command have killed two suspected kidnappers, arrested two others and rescued four victims.

The Public Relations Officer of the state command, Grace Iringe-Koko, who revealed this, yesterday, noted that after a kidnap incident on the Emohua axis on the East-West Road, the police have been on the trail of the criminal gang that carried out the act.

She noted that the police operatives had busted the hideout where the kidnappers kept their

victims in a forest within the Emohua Local Government area of the state.

Iringe-Koko said on sighting the police operatives, the criminals opened fire and that the policemen replied leading to the casualty.

The PPRO said a wanted notorious kidnapper, Sunday Amadi (aka 'Occasion') was among the suspects that died during the crossfire with the police.

She said: "The policemen on patrol on the day of the kidnapping did not stop searching for the victims and were pleased to discover the camp of the kidnappers on the third day of searching.

"They proceeded to conduct prompt but thorough surveillance

to eliminate the incidence of collateral damage before engaging the criminals.

"In the confrontation that ensued, two of the kidnappers were killed, including the leader of the gang, Sunday Amadi, aka 'Occasion', who had a N2 million bounty placed on him by the Chairman of Emohua Local Government Area.

"One of the victims had to be taken to the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital following the injuries sustained from the kidnappers."

However, Iringe-Koko said the Commissioner of Police, Olatunji Disu, has stated that the police under his watch would stop at nothing to rid the state of criminals.