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Police arrest 68-yr-old car snatcher

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A68-year-old driver who allegedly specialized in snatching exotic jeeps was among the 10 dare-devil armed robbery suspects arrested in Lagos, at the weekend, by the police in the command.

Parading the suspects before newsmen at the command headquarters, Ikeja, Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Bashiru Azeez said the man, Mr Isiaka Audu was arrested in Kaduna after selling a Honda CRV said to have been stolen in Lagos.

Azeez said, four out of the suspects purportedly killed a businessman at Apongbon bridge, Lagos, at a vehicular traffic.

According to the police boss a car snatching gang led by Edo State-born David Oserimehin specialized in snatching exotic cars at gun point and selling them to Audu and his gang at Kaduna who in turns sold the car to their undisclosed customers at Niger Republic.

He stated that what led to their arrest was a CRV Honda jeep, stolen from Ikoyi, Lagos, and sold in Kaduna.

The police boss said Audu allegedly bought the jeep at the cost of N500,000 from Oserimehin and later resold it to another buyer for N700,000 who then re-sold it to their Niger counterparts.

Bashiru said the suspects were arrested following a complaints by the owner of the vehicle to the police. "There and then, we began investigation and arrested Oserimehim who later gave us information that led to the arrest of Audu and his colleague.

On the four suspects that killed the woman, Azeez said "after they collected money and handset, they shot the woman inside her car."

However, the gang leader, Bashiru Bello, alias *juju man* told our correspondent that they killed the woman because she failed to give them all she had in her possession.

The commissioner, while fielding journalists question said the suspects would be charged to court soon.

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