

Don't fight again

Murder suspect



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food vendor but they could not listen to my pleadings. They beat me with all their powers. When

I picked the knife, the deceased who was not the person I was fighting directly with brought

Police nab 13 robbery suspects, kill 1

POLICE from Apapa, Festac and other stations in Lagos metropolis, last week arrested about 13 armed robbery suspects at various points in the state.

Daily Champion reliably gathered that, three members of a deadly gang were nabbed by detectives from Apapa police station during police surveillance in the area. The suspect was alleged to have stormed a residential area in the place for robbery operations when police intercepted a distress call from a good neighbour and raced to the scene.

Eye witness said the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO), Mr. Chuks of Apapa division led a team of Special Anti robbery squad (SARS) that confronted the five man robbery gang and arrested three as well as foiled the robbery operations. Two of the gang members however, escaped with bullet wounds.

The suspects including a 21 year old Seun Adewale, Jelili Olpade and Wasiu were nabbed after a short gun duel. The gang was also said to have terrorised some areas in Mushin before coming to Apapa where they met their Waterloo.

The eye witness who pleaded for anonymity said "The Divisional Police Officer, (DPO), Mohammed Ali, fortified Apapa with intelligent police officers which makes it difficult for robbers to successfully operate in the area. Once they receive a distress call, you see the DPO acting immediately and deploying police men to the scene and a times he led the operation. His quick response to distress call has made Apapa a safe heaven for business to thrive."

Also, police men from FESTAC station, through intelligent gathering and surveillance, arrested a robbery king pin who was allegedly waiting for his gang members for a robbery operation in a bank in FESTAC.

Daily Champion gathered

the robbery suspect identified as Segun Joel, was arrested at Mile two while waiting for other members of his four man gang before he was picked by the police men. His confession however led to the arrest of others. Also the police in the area arrested six persons who stole several cartons of fish from the ware house. The security officer and his collaborators were nabbed.

Another four robbery suspects who allegedly specialised in robbing people at eatery joints met their ends when police men from Gbagada divisions clamped down on them.

The Divisional police officer of Dolphin Estate station responded to a distress call that the suspect were operating at No 8 Adebayo Muma close and raced to the scene. The suspects have been transferred to State Criminal Investigation Department SCID, Yaba, Lagos for further investigations.

In Idimu, another suburb of the metropolis, police arrested two suspects and killed one in a shoot out with gun men in the area. The suspects were said to have earlier robbed a man and snatched his Toyota Crolla at gun point and attempted to escape when the police engaged them in a shoot out, killing one of them and arresting the duo.

Reacting, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Frank Mba said the numerous arrest show that the police are winning the war against robbers in the State. The Superintendent of Police (SP) said the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo has put several security measures in place to achieve his vision of zero tolerance to crime in the State.

According to him the commissioner has empowered the DPOs to go extra length to wage war against crime and criminality. He said police are investigating the cases and would charge them to court.

out bottle and while I struggled to get the bottle from him, he equally tried to get the knife from me and in the process, the knife mistakenly stabbed him. I quickly ran away and hid at Aguda, Surulere," he confessed.

When *Daily Champion* went to 13 Ramoni Street Itire, eye witness confirmed that the suspect went to the joint to buy fast food at about 10.30 pm in a nearby restaurant when he met the person who allegedly challenged him for locking a gate against him.

According to the source, who pleaded for anonymity, the suspect met the deceased and other persons at a gambling house where people were playing lotto and other related games.

He said the suspect was standing at the door step of the gambling room, apparently to monitor what was going on at the place when a person believed to be heavily drunk confronted him to know why he peeped into the gambling room.

Our source said the explanation of Oguntibo did not go down well with the opponent who allegedly invited four others to beat the suspect.

But the Lagos State Police Command spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, said the suspect would be transferred to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation Department, (SCID), Panti, in Yaba.

Mba, a Superintendent of Police (SP) said the murder suspect would face the full wrath of law because the deceased died as a result of the fight.

Security hints

BE cautious when entering private vehicles that operate as taxi.

Avoid spending nights with free women.

In crowded bus stops, hold tight to your bags and pockets in order not to be robbed by pick pockets.

Do not leave your children with strangers, especially in religious places of worship.

Always secure your residence by locking up the place.

Do not allow a stranger embrace you in public as such person may be out to pick your wallet.

Mind how you give lift with your cars to strangers as some of them may be robbers.

Be observant inside and outside bank premises in order not to be trailed by robbers.

Provide adequate security for cash in transit, including the use of police escort. Also stop keeping money or valuables inside your car.

Help the police to help you and let us join hands to rid our society of crime. It is our collective responsibility.

Report suspicious movement within your vicinity to the police never you confront criminals as your life is very important. Call the police on the following distress numbers: Police Control Room 1 Emergency/ Distress Call Tel. Nos. 07055350249, 07035058242 R.R.S Control 2 Alausa 08065154338, 07055462708 Control Room 3 SHQ: 08079279349, 08063299264 and 767 toll free line.

Missing persons

One Afeez Popoola 'm' aged 30yrs old, about 5.2ft tall, dark in complexion, speaks English and Yoruba languages fluently. If seen contact one Idowu Popoola 'm' of No.21 Kayode Street, Ejigbo or Ejigbo Police Station.

One Precious Buchi Dick 'm' aged 10yrs, about 2.2ft tall, black in complexion, speaks Igbo language fluently. If seen contact one Israel Dick 'm' of No.2, Obasanjo Street Babalegba Bus stop Ijegan Road Ikotun or Ikotun Police Station.

One Opeyemi Ayotola 'm' aged 19yrs old, about 1.6ft tall, fair in complexion, speaks Yoruba and English language fluently. If seen contact one Michael Ayotola 'm' of No.13, Buraimoh Street, Obanikoro Lagos or Shomolu Police Station.

Stolen vehicles

One Toyota Corolla with Reg. No. PR 380 KJA, Colour Cream. If seen contact one Sanni Yaya 'm' of No.1, Robert Onadipe Street, Shomolu Lagos or Shomolu Police Station.

One Mitsubishi Bus L-300 with Reg. No. PJ 937 AAA, colour Metallic Silver. If seen contact one Callistus Mbanusi 'm' of No.41, Ijagbemi Street, Popoola Bus-stop or Pedro Shomolu Lagos or Shomolu Police Station.

Recovered ones

The Lagos State Police Command recovered a total of 9 vehicles from 10th-15th September, 2009 suspected to have been stolen from different locations in the state and the vehicles can be located at the station mentioned against each of the recovered vehicles as follows:-

| S/NO. | NAMES OF VEHICLES | REG. NO. | COLOUR | LOCATION |
|-------|----------------------|------------|--------|---------------|
| 1. | TEMCO BUS | XC 67 FEST | LSCC | ALAKARA DIV. |
| 2. | V/WAGES GOLF S/CAR | ER 904 LND | WINE | AREA 'A' HQTR |
| 3. | TOYOTA COROLLA S/CAR | CK 410 APP | CREAM | MAN CENTRE |
| 4. | M/BENZ ML JEEP | FA 111 AAA | BLACK | IPONRI DIV. |
| 5. | TOYOTA COROLLA S/CAR | CU 840 MUS | BLACK | AREA 'A' HQTR |
| 6. | NISSAN ALTIMA C/SAR | RE 572 AAA | CREAM | IKEJA DIV. |
| 7. | HONDA ACURA JEEP | HC 50 EKY | BLACK | KETU DIV. |
| 8. | PEUGEOT S/CAR | AZ 808 BWR | L/BLUE | MAROKO DIV. |
| 9. | HONDA ACCORD S/CAR | RT 757 AAA | ASH | TOLU DIV. |

As usual, members of the public who have claims to the recovered vehicles should check at the police station mentioned each of the recovered vehicles with original documents.

Claimants should endeavour to check the engine numbers as the original registration numbers may have been tampered with please.