

## Robbers Attack Car of Court of Appeal Judge

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Seven arm robbers attacked the car of Justice Tijjani Abdullahi of the Ilorin Court of Appeal on the Zaria-Kano expressway late Saturday, police said yesterday.

The robbers attacked motorists plying the highway and opened fire on the judge's car upon sighting his police orderly who was sitting at the car's front seat.

"They killed the driver on the spot. The orderly - a police sergeant - fired back. In the process, he succeeded in killing one of the robbers and recovered a pistol," Alhaji Usman Shehu, Zaria Police Area Commander, told Daily Trust.

According to the Area Commander (AC), the rest of the six robbers took to their heels having seen their gangster-colleague writhing in a pool of his blood.

Justice Tijjani Abdullahi of the Ilorin Court of Appeal, according to the Zaria police AC, sent his driver and orderly from Ilorin to Kano to deliver some personal effects when the robbers attacked them.

The judge's driver and the orderly, according to the AC, were attacked at Zabi - a village about 10 kilometres in the outskirts of Zaria along the Zaria-Kano expressway.

"The arm robbers mounted a road-block at a place called Masallacin Annur along the Zaria-Kano expressway. It was a few kilometres after Zabi village. They have succeeded in robbing many motorists and passengers of their belongings before luck ran out of them," AC Usman told Daily Trust.

The corpse of the shot armed robber was deposited in front of the Zaria police Area Command headquarters for more than two hours before it was finally taken to Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital (ABUTH), Shika, Zaria.

A source at the ABUTH who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the receipt of the robber's corpse. "The corpse is right now in our mortuary. We received it this afternoon (yesterday) from the Zaria police area command headquarters," the source said.