

Police nab motorcycle snatchers after killing three victims in Niger

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The police in Niger State have arrested three suspected motorcycle snatchers in Garatu, Bosso LGA and recovered four motorcycles from them.

The spokesman of the Niger State Police Command, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, said three motorcyclists were killed by the suspects at various locations before luck ran out on them at Garatu town where one of the suspects attempted to attack and a snatch motorcycle.

He gave the names of the suspects as Alh. Dan Asabe (50) of Banwuya area, Bida, Mohammed Adamu (20) of Etsu Audu, Lemu, and Tanko Yusuf (40) of Bida road, Gidan-Mai, Bida

Abiodun said during interrogation, one of the suspects, Yusuf Tanko confessed

to killing of three motorcyclists, around Agaie and their motorcycles sold to Alhaji Dan-Asabe while one other victim was attacked and amputated at Zuzungi road in Kataregi, Katcha LGA and his motorcycle taken to Paiko town in the last four months.

The police spokesman said police investigation revealed that the syndicate usually attacked their victims with hammers and cutlasses before taking away their motorcycles.

He said Mohammed Adamu, whose arrest in Garatu town led to arrest of other suspects, attempted to kill a motorcyclist and take away the bike to sell to Alhaji Dan-Asabe in Bida.

Abiodun said Alhaji Dan-Asabe, aka Gindo, was discovered to be an ex-convict, who had participated in a series of robberies of motorcyclists and other

crimes for more than six years, before his earlier arrest, prosecution and conviction in Bida.

“He returned from a three-year jail term in March this year, and further engaged himself in receiving stolen motorcycles from Basulube and Adamu. He confessed that he bought some motorcycles from them at the rate of N50,000 to N60,000 and selling it for a gain of N10,000 to one Abubakar Lafiagi of Katcha, who is at large.

Four Boxer motorcycles were recovered from Gindo's possession.

“In the course of investigation, the suspects revealed that dead victims' motorcycles were mostly expensive, because it is usually sold with keys and it is believed that nobody would lay claim to them, while those of injured victims were less expensive,” Abiodun explained.

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