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## CRIME NOTES

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### LAGOS

**RECOVERY OF ARMS:** On June 15, at about 10.40p.m, a team of anti-robbery policemen attached to Shomolu Police Station, while on patrol around Iyana-Oworo, on IBB Bridge, sighted three men suspiciously lurking by the roadside. When they were stopped with a view to finding out their mission, they took to their heels and jumped into a swamp in the area. The team combed the area and recovered one G3 rifle No. 69545 without magazine wrapped in a pair of trouser. State C.I.D is investigating the case.

**MOTOR ACCIDENT:** On June 15, at about 9.40 a.m, a report was received at Ikeja Police Station that a tipper lorry, with registration No. XB199IKJD, driven by one Suleiman Akanji of 19, Tonibeji Street, Iyana Ipaja ran over a motorcycle (Okada) operator, one Ahmed Lawal Akinpelu of 24, Enitan Street, Alagbado by Adura Bus Stop on Abeokuta Expressway. The victim died on the spot.

**FOILED BANK ROBBERY:** On June 15, at about 2pm, a distress call was received at Epe Police Station that about 15 heavily armed men came through the creek, with house-breaking implements, to attack a first generation bank, located near the sea in Aiyetoro Area of Epe. As soon as they arrived at the bank premises, the hoodlums started firing indiscriminately to ward off any challenge. They were reported to have broken into the banking hall through the front door. However, D.P.O and anti-Robbery policemen from the station, who heard the gun shots, moved toward the direction of the firing.

They were able to trace the gunshot sounds and they battled the robbers to stand still. After about three hours of exchange of gunfire, the hoodlums escaped with bullet wounds through the same waterway by which they came. A thorough search of the banking premises revealed that the robbers were on the verge of breaking into the bank's strong room when the police arrived. The robbers hurriedly abandoned the mission for their own safety.

One giant chisel, 107 expended and one live 7.62mm calibre ammunition were recovered at the scene.

DELTA

**ASSASSINATION:** A traditional ruler at Oko Community, in Delta State was shot dead in the early hours of Tuesday while asleep by men suspected to be assassins. The Delta State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, told reporters that the royal father was to give evidence in a land case involving some people in the court the same day he was killed.

#### **EBONYI**

**KILLING:** There was pandemonium last weekend in Ezebe village in Ummubo-Igboeze, Onitsha local government area of Ebonyi state when a Lagos-based businessman from the area murdered three people. It was reported that the alleged murderer confronted a middle-aged man going to the farm, overpowered him and matcheted him to death. He went further to kill two more people, one of them a young primary school girl going to school. Sources said the alleged killer was later killed by unknown people, apparently offended by his action.

#### **ANAMBRA**

**ARRESTED:** The police in Nnewi last Monday arrested 10 persons suspected to be members of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) for an alleged burning of police vehicles in Otolu, Nnewi Police Station.

**LYNCHED:** Nemesis has caught up with a suspected mobile phone snatcher as he was burnt to death by angry mob who caught him in the act. The incident happened at the popular Onitsha main market.

#### **OSUN**

**KILLED:** Fear struck the state's College of Education, Esa Oke after two of its student were found dead inside a bush. Police claimed the victims died of gunshot wounds from yet to be identified persons.

#### **KWARA**

**NARCOTICS:** Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has arrested 74 persons who specialised in selling of a substance believed to be Indian Hemp, which causes damage to the brain of users.

#### **KANO**

**ARRESTED:** The police in the state have arrested 12 suspected armed robbers believed to be terrorising parts of the state in recent times. Also a total of 64 stolen cars were recovered, as confirmed by Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) Zone 1, Alhaji Hamzat Ahmed.

#### **LAGOS**

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