

CRIME NOTES

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OYO

AUTOCRASH: One person was killed and seven others hospitalised when the convoy of the Oyo State governor crashed along the Lagos-Ibadan expressway. The state government and police are currently investigating the cause of the accident. Many residents of the state and well-wishers have paid their condolences to the governor over the tragedy.

RIVERS

ATTACKED: Three policemen lost their lives when suspected gunmen laid ambush on them at Ahoada area of Port Harcourt. The attack came barely two days after the federal government ordered the deployment of troops to the Niger Delta region.

EKITI

NABBED: Eight suspects are now in police net over the gruesome murder of a PDP gubernatorial aspirant in the state, Dr. Ayo Daramola. The suspects will be brought to Lagos where they will undergo fingerprint test.

BAYELSA

DEATHS: Three youth corps members serving in the state have been confirmed dead during the service year. The confirmation came from NYSC authorities who made the disclosure during the passing out ceremony of 2005 'batch B' members. Sources say the late corporers died of natural causes.

LAGOS

CATCH -IN -THE -AIR ROBBERS:- On August 12, at about 3:45pm, the Ikeja Police Station received a distress call that some men in a commercial mini-bus were robbing passengers along Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja. A team of Anti-Robbery Policemen from the station raced to the scene and arrested the trio of Emeka Uchejigbo, Caris Uchejigbo and Sylvester Onyema, all males of unknown address. They were arrested with their operational bus Reg. No XC 637 JJJ.

RECOVERED ARMS:- On August 11, at about 1:45am, a team of Anti-Robbery Policemen from Meiran Police Station, while on patrol along Ray Power Road, Alagbado arrested the duo of Nafiu Bello 'm' of 5, Oke-Ota Street, Alagbado and Ewa Ayodele 5, Aderomu Close, Alagbado with one locally made pistol. The suspects have made useful statement.

SUSPECTED MURDER:- On August 12, at about 7pm, a report was received at State C.I.D Panti-Yaba that one Bose, other name unknown, a Togolese residing at Iwaya-Yaba, who went with one Musa Kadiri to lodge at Eko Guest House, Ketu was found dead in the guest room in a yet to be determined circumstance. The scene was visited by policemen from the station and the corpse removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.

FATAL ACCIDENT:- On August 12, at about 2pm, the Maroko Police Station received a report that a Nissan Primera car, with Reg. No. BX 986 KTU driven by one Pastor Joshua Abuh, ran over one Mufutau Kabiru at ELF Bus Stop, along Lagos-Epe Expressway. The victim was hospitalized but later died.

MURDER: On August 13, at about 6:50pm, information was received at State C.I.D Panti-Yaba that one Sunday Nwaobanny of No. 102, Ajiboye Street, Ota Road, Agege fought with a yet-to-be identified adult male at Agege and the unidentified male died on the spot. The scene was visited by policemen from the station and the said Sunday arrested.

SUDDEN DEATH:- On August 13, at about 8am, a report was received at Apapa Police Station that one Felipe Ascenei, a crew member on board MT Dilesu Ship who lodged at Apple Gate Hotel, Apapa became unconscious in the guest room. He died on the way to Lagoon Hospital, Apapa.

IMPERSONATION:- On August 14, at about 12:01am, a team of policemen from MAN-Centre Police Station, Ikeja, while on patrol along Aromire Street, Ikeja accosted one Abutu Clement, a civilian of unknown address on motorcycle Reg. No OG202 LND. During search, a police identity card was found in his possession. The suspect had made useful statement.

FATAL ACCIDENT:- On August 14, at about 2:30pm, there was a report at Satellite Police Station that a commercial M/Benz 911 (Molue) Lorry driven by one Benjamin ran over a commercial motorcyclist (Okada), one Francis Chigozie at Alakija Bus Stop, along Badagry Expressway. The victim died on the spot.

ABUSE OF POLICE MATERIALS:- The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Emmanuel Adebayo has observed with great dismay, the reckless use and abuse of police materials like uniform, vehicles and other accoutrements in the hands of film producers, which portrays the image of the Force, in some cases, in bad taste. The Commissioner of Police has therefore directed that, henceforth, all film Producers intending to make use of Police materials must apply to the Commissioner of Police, through the office of the Police Public Relations Officer, No. 1 Oduduwa Street, G.R.A, Ikeja for approval. Failure to comply with the procedure, a statement said, will compel the Police to invoke relevant sanctions on defaulters.

RECOVERY OF ARMS:- On August 13, at about 9pm, team of policemen from Ilupeju Police Station, while acting on a tip-off, recovered one "Express 64" long range rifle No. 064490, one pump-action gun, No. 138994, eighty-five (85) rounds of 22mm live ammunition and accessory in a flower garden at Afolabi Lesi Street, Off Town Planning Way, Ilupeju. The exhibits have been recovered to the station.

FATAL ACCIDENT: On August 15, at 9am, a report was lodged at Itire Police Station that a M/Benz Luxurious Bus with Reg. No. XC 371 WER, driven by One Charles Eke of ABC Transport Ltd, Amuwo Odofin ran over a pedestrian, one Wellington Michael Seyi, a staff of College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Idi-Araba at Ilasa Bus Stop along Apapa-Oshodi Expressway. The victim died on the spot.

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Ipaja	— 08037266529
Dopemu	— 08032335643
Bariga	— 08023203079
Ikorodu	— 08033485478
Isheri	— 08033715059
Anthony Village	— 08037147279
Ogudu	— 08033055094