

CRIME NOTES

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KANO

AUTOCRASH: NO fewer than 10 persons were feared dead following a fatal accident involving a trailer and a commercial bus along Kachako - Birnin Kudu road. About nine other passengers of the bus are currently receiving treatment at a nearby hospital.

ABUJA

SURVEILLANCE: THE police high command has mounted heavy surveillance on all intending aspirants contesting top elected positions in the country come 2007. The close watch, The Guardian learnt, will stop further possible high profile killings.

KOGI

ARRAIGNED: A 42-year-old commercial bus driver, Mohammed Ibrahim has been prosecuted for his alleged killing of three persons. The driver, who hailed from Ondo State, was charged at a Lokoja chief magistrate's court with "causing death by dangerous driving," contrary to section 23 of the Road Traffic Law.

BENUE

KILLED: SEVEN suspected armed robbers have been killed by a team of anti-robbery policemen, while eight others were arrested after sustaining bullet injuries in separate robbery operations. The suspects were recently paraded at the state command.

DELTA

KIDNAPPERS: THE state police command is now on the trail of suspected kidnappers, who invaded the state capital, Asaba recently. A gang recently kidnapped an 11-year-old student and only released the child after receiving N.4 million from his parents.

CHURCH THEFT: A suspected gang of robbers also recently attacked a church at the Obiaruku area of the state and stole huge sum of money. The police are on trail of the fleeing robbers.

LAGOS

ARRESTED: ON August 31, at about 9pm, a team of anti-robbery policemen from state CID, Panti - Yaba, acting on information, arrested the underlisted suspects at different hideouts: Tony Odey, 32, arrested at Moloney street, Obalende; Mohammed Bello, 42, at Sura Market, Lagos Island; Al Hassan Alfa, 26, at Ikeja Military Junction, along Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja and Gabriel Agbo, 23, arrested at Sura market, Lagos Island. Exhibits recovered include one English pistol, one locally made pistol and one live cartridge.

FOILED ROBBERY: ON August 31, at about 5:45am, a distress call was received at Area "G," Ogba that robbers operating on motorcycles are robbing along a road at Ogba. Anti-Robbery policemen from the station raced to the scene and succeeded in arresting one of the robbers named Chidi. The others and their operational motorcycle had been set ablaze by irate mob.

Similarly on August 31, at about 10.15pm, a distress call was received at Isolo Police Station that robbers were operating at Aswani Junction, along Oshodi - Apapa Expressway. The scene was immediately visited by policemen from the station. During exchange of gunfire, one of the robbers was shot down while the others escaped. Two locally made double-barrel guns, one single-barrel gun and six live cartridges were recovered from the deceased robber.

Also, on Sept 1, at about 12.30am, a distress call at Isolo Police Station that robbers were invading Oando filling station in Ashipa area. Anti-Robbery policemen from the station raced to the scene and this forced the hoodlums to escape into the nearby bush. Their operational vehicle, a Mazda 626 car was recovered.

FATAL ACCIDENT: ON Sept 2, at about 8am, information was received at Festac Police Station that a yet-to-be identified driver of a Toyota Hiace Bus, Reg. No: XH 894 EPE ran over a motorcyclist, one Fedeyiwa Ola Wutosin at Second Rainbow bus-stop, along Oshodi - Apapa expressway. The victim was hospitalised, but later died. ○

Similarly, on Sept 2, at about 7.30pm, the same police station received a report that one Nwagbara Ndubisi, a conductor of one GMC bus, with reg. No. XM 169 ENO fell down from the bus while in motion at Agboju. The victim sustained injuries and was hospitalised but later died. ○

FIRE INCIDENT: On Sept 1, at about 7.30pm, information was received at Ajegunle Police Station that there was fire outbreak in 13 shops at Foodstuffs Market, Awodi-Ora, Ajegunle in a yet-to-be determined circumstance. The fire was put out by policemen and members of the public.

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08032001966
08034062773

CAUTION

• Screen all domestic workers before engaging them for service. They usually connive with armed robbers to unleash terror on their employers.