

CRIME NOTES

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LAGOS

PARADED ROBBERS: NO fewer than 59 armed robbers were yesterday paraded by the Lagos State Police Command at the states' Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos. The robbers, paraded by the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Emmanuel Adebayo included those who raided Alaba Market, killing eight persons, and fraudsters.

One of the Alaba bank robbers, Sunday Chukwu, who spoke with The Guardian, said: "I had stopped armed robbery job, this last one was the one I joined them to do. I did not enter the bank, I only drove them to the place and after the operation, I got N40,000 and a video camera, which we stole at the shops in Alaba. I am a mechanic, I once repaired the car belonging to the gang and they discovered I could drive very well, so they urged me to become their gang driver, which I agreed. I had stopped this dirty job."

Adebayo also paraded a syndicate of fraudsters, who make fake bank cheques to withdraw money belonging to people.

One of them, Chris Ayeni admitted he is a notorious fraudster at Oluwole, Lagos. "I am a fraudster sir, we manoeuvre things at Oluwole," he said. "The one that brought me here was that we did a fake cheque of a new generation bank. It was when we were going to cash the money that we were caught. We have been successful in the business, this is not our first time, it is my business."

RECOVERED: THE Lagos State command has recovered several arms and ammunition from hoodlums in the state. They include four AK-47 rifles with magazines, one Lar rifle with 34 rounds of live ammunition, one Chief Revolver wimbling pistol with 10 rounds of ammunitions; one SMG gun with 20 rounds of live ammunition, one pump Action single barrel gun and six extra AK-47 magazine.

SUDDEN DEATH: ON December 17, at about 10 am, information was received at Orile Police Station that one Oseni Adamu, a security man attached to WEMA Bank, Orile Iganmu branch, who left his mate to go and take his bath was found dead near an Air-conditioner in the bank premises. No foul play was suspected. Corpse has been removed and deposited at the public mortuary for autopsy.

Hit And Run Accident: On December 18, at about 7 am, a report was lodged at Oshodi Police Station that the yet-to-be identified driver of a vehicle ran over a pedestrian, one Tajudeen Olalaye 'of No. 9, Ishola Imam Street, Mafoluku, Oshodi, along Apapa-Oshodi Expressway. The victim died on the spot.

SECURITY WATCH

Security is everybody's business. Be security conscious this season. Report any criminal behaviour in your neighbourhood to the police chief in your area this yuletide period by calling these numbers:

Maroko	—	
08023400797		
Adeniyi Adele	—	
08032522518		
Onikan	—	
08034460620		
Ikoyi	—	08037226292
Apapa	—	08023341851
Surulere	—	08037226247
Yaba	—	
08033907869		
Orile	—	08033747535
Mushin	—	08033196760
Ajao Estate	—	
08033332095		
Festac	—	08033440189
Ikeja	—	08033118042
Ojodu	—	08037173462
Ikotun	—	08033574830

PUBLIC PETITION