

## CRIME NOTES

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### DELTA

**CONVICTED:** A police officer has been sentenced to death over his alleged involvement in the murder of one Godspower Edeha at Asaba, on May 21 2006. The judgement was delivered by Justice Sylvester Umaru Onu of the Supreme Court.

### OYO

**CRISIS:** THE age-long crisis rocking the polity of Ibadan, the state capital will be a major task, which the police in the state have promised to tackle this year. The Guardian learnt that the police high command has directed the state police command to arrest any one involved in breach of peace in the state.

### OSUN

**ARRESTED:** FOUR officials of the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) have been arrested by the police over their involvement in series of illegal registration of electorates. Sources said police are now investigating other spots where such cases had been reported.

**JAILED:** AN Osogbo magistrate court has sentenced 21-year-old man Olalekan Saheed to 18 months imprisonment for stealing a mobile phone. His sentence will serve as deterrent to others across the country, said a police officer.

### RIVERS

**ARRAIGNED:** TWO suspected kidnappers have been arraigned at the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt for their roles in the recent abduction of four Norwegian nationals. The Norwegians have since regained their freedom following government intervention.

### ABUJA

**SENTENCED:** AN Abuja High Court has sentenced a senior police officer in the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) to four years for receiving N5, 000 bribe from an accused person last year.

### EDO

**ROBBERY: DARE-DEVIL** robbers have continued to have a field day along the Lagos-Benin expressway. During the week, they went on rampage with heavy shooting and succeeded in robbing over seven inter-state buses with little resistance from the police. Passengers of one of the buses said they saw some mobile policemen running into the bush, only to come out shortly after the robbery operation.

### LAGOS

**ARRESTED:** ON January 13, at about 11pm, an anti-robbery team attached to Akinpelu Police station, acting on a tip-off, arrested one Chibuzor Ilouba with one locally-made double barrel gun, one locally made pistol and three live cartridges. The suspect later led policemen to the arrest of other members of his gang, namely: Ajakaiye Super, Godfrey Omo, Wilson Larry and Smart Ozeigbe. All five robbers allegedly used one Volkswagen mini-bus, with Reg. XG 899 MUS, to rob commuters of cash and valuables.

Similarly, on January 15, at about 11pm, a team of Rapid Response Squad (RRS) policemen posted to Mile 2 bridge black spot, while acting on a distress call, stopped a suspected Golf Volkswagen Car and arrested one Taoheed Babatunde, of Amadi Close, Okokomaiko with one double barrel gun cut to size, one cartridge and one Nokia handset belonging to one Alaba Adesina, who was earlier robbed by the suspect and four others who are now on the run. Adesina also lost a sum of N25, 000 to the thieves when he was attacked while repairing his vehicle at Pako Bus stop, Agboju along Badagry Expressway.

**FIRE INCIDENT:** ON January 15, at about 11.20pm, a report was received at Isolo Police Station that a building and four shops at No 81, Okota Road, Isolo was razed by fire. The fire emanated from the room of one Apon Johnson, the landlady's son, who stored fuel in his room. Value of property destroyed in the inferno is yet to be estimated.

**ARRESTED:** ON January 12, at about 9am, a police raider team attached to SCID Panti-Yaba raided Akanimodo black spot, Mile 12, Ketu and arrested 35 suspects. Several wraps of weed, suspected to be Indian hemp, were seized at the scene.

**FATAL ACCIDENT:** ON January 12, at about 2pm, there was a report of FESTAC Police Station that a yet-to-be identified driver of a Truck, property of Dangote Group of Company ran over a pedestrian, one Umaru Abashe of Alaba Rago, Okokomaiko at Mile 2 along Badagry Expressway. Victim died on the spot.

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