

Robbers Kill Policeman In Lagos

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DARE-DEVIL armed robbers clad in mobile police uniform and operating on a motorcycle, struck at Ijesha Road, Surulere area of Lagos on Wednesday afternoon killing one traffic warden and escaping with millions of naira.

For about 30 minutes, residents and shop owners on the popular road were held captive as the men of the underworld went on a shooting spree.

The robbers, three in

number, were said to have quietly visited a popular beer depot at Ogunlana bus stop at about 3 p.m. and had allegedly robbed the owner of money estimated at millions of naira.

Sensing trouble on their way out, just about 10 metres away from the robbery scene, they were said to have shot an unsuspecting traffic warden whom they encountered around the bus stop.

The entire neighbourhood was jolted by the gunshots as the man who hitherto was busy controlling traffic and

assisting children to cross the busy road, suddenly slumped.

Subsequently, the robbers started shooting indiscriminately in a desperate move to make good their escape, sending road users, residents and shop owners scampering for safety. For about 30 minutes, the area was devoid of human activity.

When the robbers finally left, it took about 10 minutes before some bus drivers could take the profusely bleeding officer to a nearby hospital, where he was confirmed dead.

Confirming the inci-

dent to *The Guardian* on telephone yesterday, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Bode Ojajuni, however, disclosed that one of the robbers was killed by the police and that one locally-made pistol and five cartridges were recovered from him.







According to Ojajuni, the Ijesha District Police Officer (DPO), had, on getting wind of the robbery attack, organised a hot chase leading to the death of one of the rampaging robbers.

He added that the force would do everything within its power to bring the remaining two robbers to book, pointing out that investigation into the robbery incident had started.

He, however said the robbers were not wearing any police outfit, suggesting that policemen pursuing the robbers could have been mistaken for the robbers by the residents. Meanwhile, a resident in the area, who gave his name as Anthony Ikechukwu Ukoji, told *The Guardian* that the robbed businesswoman had lost her husband and a son in a similar robbery attack at the same beer depot 10 years ago.

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JOS	30		THUNDERSTORM
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