

# CRIME NOTES

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## LAGOS

**ATTEMPTED MURDER:** On July 9, at about 8pm, a team of anti-robbery policemen from State CID, Panti-Yaba, acting on a tip-off, arrested Fatai Ibrahim and Tunde Fatai at Isheri North, close to Tinubu Estate. Preliminary investigation revealed that suspects entered the residence of one Kehinde Shoritu, stabbed and robbed him and other residents of some valuables.

**MURDER:** On July 10, at about 6pm, a report was received at State CID Panti-Yaba that one Kunle Oduniya of No. 20, Ibrahim Omoshokan Street, Ifako-Gbagada was beaten to death in his shop at No. 10/43, Moshalashi Street, Ifako-Gbagada, by six men in a Toyota Car, with Reg. No EG 642 EKY in yet-to-be determined circumstance. A team of anti-robbery policemen from the station raced to the scene and arrested two of the assailants: Alade Matthew and Emmanuel Akanza, while others escaped. Their operational vehicle mentioned above has been recovered to the station.

**ARRESTED:** On July 11, at about 1:20am, information was received at State CID Panti-Yaba that a group of people, suspected to be members of the Odua Peoples Congress (OPC), armed with cutlass and hammers, engaged another faction in a fight at Oyedeji Street, Ajegunle. The men shot and killed two yet-to-be identified brothers during the fracas. Five persons, namely, Mumuni Sura, Muyideen Suleiman, Saka Lamide, Aliu Lawal and Kehinde Kareem were arrested, while others escaped.

**COLLAPSED BUILDING:** On July 8, at about 1pm, there was a report at Ikorodu Police Station that an uncompleted three-storey building, situated along Igbe Road, Igbogbo-Ikorodu collapsed and killed Akeem Ogunlade and Gbenga Owodele, who were working in the house at the time of the incident.

**RECOVERED:-** On July 12, at about 10am, an anti-robbery team attached to Maroko Division, led by Inspector Paul Uchegbu, took one Emmanuel Moses, a suspected armed robber arrested on July 8 along Lagos-Epe expressway, to his criminal hide-out at Ajangbadi-Ojo. On sighting the policemen, other gang members opened fire and, in the ensuing gun duel, three of the robbers, Believe Osigbo, Christian Okanmnu and Chibuzo Onuoha were arrested while two others escaped with bullet wounds. When the robbers' apartment was searched, another robber, Andrew Iboji, who confessed that he had a shoot-out with policemen at Mile 2, was found nursing bullet wounds. Three locally made pistols, 38 live cartridges and two unregistered motorcycles were recovered from them.

Similarly, on July 12, at about 5:30 pm, a team of anti-robbery policemen attached to Ijanikin Police station arrested one Noah Samuel of No 41, Ibijola close, Agbara. Suspect and four others at large, armed with guns and cutlasses, had robbed one Blessing Oghrie, Bunmi Ogunyinka and others of assorted handset and cash sum of N10, 750 in their residence. One of the stolen handset was later recovered.

Also, on July 12, at about 7am, an anti-robbery team led by Inspector Evans Ogu of the Isheri Police Station, responded to a distress call from two motorcycle riders that they had been robbed of their motorcycles by two men they carried as passengers from 7Up Ojota. The police team gave the hoodlums a hot chase and arrested one Magnus Chike, who said that he committed the offence with one Esuma, a neighbour at Ojo who is now at large. One of the motorcycles, with Reg. No. OJ 383 APP, was recovered.

**RECOVERED ARMS:** On July 8, at about 2100hrs, a team of Anti-robbery policemen from Maroko Police station while on patrol along Lagos-Epe Expressway arrested one Emmanuel Moses 'm' of no fixed address. The suspect was arrested with one locally made pistol and five live cartridges, preliminary investigation revealed that suspect with others at large while operating on a motorcycle robbed one Uche Paulinus 'm' of valuable opposite Palms Shopping Mall along Lagos Epe Expressway.

Similarly, on July 8, at about 7am, there was a distress call at Festac Police Station that robbers are operating at Holy Family Catholic Church, 22 Road, Festac Town. A team of policemen from the station raced to the scene and arrested one Olufemi Ajayi of Km 28 Badagry Expressway, while others fled. The suspect has made useful statement.

**FIRE INCIDENT:** On July 8, 2007, at about 8:30 pm, there was a report at Owutu Police Station of a fire outbreak in the children's room of the three-bedroom flat of one Albert at No. 9, Oshineye Street, Ojokoro New site, Owutu, Ikorodu. Three children, aged 4 - 11-years-old were burnt to death in the inferno. The fire is said to have emanated from candle lit in the room by the children.

**MOTOR ACCIDENT:** On July 8, at about 10:15am, there was a report at Alausa Police Station that a commercial Mini-Bus, with Reg. N. XC 390 GWA driven by one Okwudili Eze, ran over a yet-to-be identified adult male pedestrian at Lagos State Secretariat, Alausa. The victim was hospitalised but later died.

Similarly, on July 9, at about 10:40am, a report was received at Akinpelu Police Station that the yet-to-be identified driver of a commercial 911 M/Benz (Molue) Bus, with Reg. No. XH 995 KJA, ran over one Onyekwu Onyeka, a staff of FRCN Ikoyi at Alasia Bus Stop, along Agege Motor Road, Oshodi. The victim died on the spot.