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THE police in Nasarawa State yesterday recorded yet another feat with the arrest of a three -man robbery gang in Lafia, while trying to sell a stolen car.

The Command had Wednesday, paraded 30 armed robbers and

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recovered nine stolen vehicles in the past 21 days.

The three-man gang, according to the police, killed a 78-year-old man, Felix Uzo in his farm in Onicha-Ugbo, Aniocha North Local Council of Delta State, dumped him in a well and made away with his car, a Kia Rio, which they drove to Lafia.

The Police Public Relations officer (PPRO), Numaan Usman Ismaila, who briefed journalists on the matter at the state Criminal Investigation Department, said the robbers were apprehended on a tip-off while trying to sell the car.

Names of the gang members were given as Sunday Luka, Danjuma Kaika, and Luka Agu, all of Udege, Kasa and Apura Adagba communities of the state respectively.

But the deceased's eldest daughter, Mrs. Nkechi Esewa, a nurse, suspected that it was not a mere robbery, insisting that she was suspicious that someone must have hired the gang to kill her father.

Esewa, who spoke with reporters, said: "They

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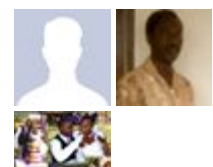


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claimed that they worked for my father on the farm for six days but he did not pay them. I do not believe the story. Someone must have hired them to kill my father,” she said

The state Commissioner of Police, CP Ibrahim Idris while parading the criminals at the state Criminal Investigative Department (CID) attributed the success recorded to the proactive steps taken by the command in checking crime, noting that the state has seen a drastic reduction in crime rate in the recent past.

Between June 25 and July 15, 2014, the command also recovered 13 firearms and seven rustled cows. Three suspected rapists, who specialize in raping college students, were also arrested in addition to the recovery of a cache of live ammunition and cartridges.

Idris noted that most of the recovered vehicles were snatched at gunpoint by armed robbers in neighbouring states, especially Kaduna, Benue and Taraba states with Benue being a safe haven and major market for the sale of these stolen



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Makurdi, the Benue State capital, he noted, has become notorious for marketing stolen cars as most cases of stolen vehicles are traceable to it.

Four suspected armed robbers that operated along Lafia-Doma Road on July 17, 2014, where the Principal of Federal Science and Technical College, Mr. Ajibola Lawal and one Musa were killed, have also been arrested.

The success recorded by the command, according to the CP, was made possible by the support of traditional rulers and members of the public, who willingly divulged information on criminal activities to the police.

While calling on members of the public to be vigilant in the face of rising security concerns in the country, the CP enjoined members of the public to always support the police by providing useful information.