

Robbers Kill Three On Owo-Okene Road

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Daredevil armed robbers killed three passengers in a luxury bus owned by a popular transport company (names withheld) on Owo - Okene Road on Saturday.

An official of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), who was also a victim of the attack, said the incident happened at 5.30pm.

The victim, who gave his

name as Samuel Akpamuga, said the bus was going to Abuja from Lagos.

"The criminals pursued our bus from Owo town in Ondo State till they caught up with our vehicle. They fired at one of the rear tyres which forced the driver to stop," he stated.

The FRSC official said while the robbers were chasing them they passed many police checkpoints along the Owo - Okene Road.

"They passed through the same police checkpoints just like every other vehicle without the police noticing what was going on. I could not understand what magic they performed at the checkpoints," Akpamuga said.

The victim said he lost valuables estimated at over N250,000.

"I lost my Toshiba lap-top, a digital camera, a Nokia N99 series and N35,000 cash. That is not even the issue; the issue is that we are not safe in this country again.

Why in the world would robbers be chasing commercial vehicle, speed past police checkpoints and it does not strike the policemen that something could be amiss. I am disappointed."

A police source attached to the Federal Highway Patrol Unit, who spoke on a telephone interview from Ondo State, confirmed the incident.

He disclosed that it was the third of such incidents in less than two months.