

Police kill suspect, as robbers lay siege to Ekiti

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A TEAM of police patrol led by the Divisional Police Officer of Oke-Ila, Ado Ekiti, Atanda Segun, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on Thursday killed a suspected armed robber while on a raid at Oke-Ila Area of Ado Ekiti

Other members of the gang were lucky as they fled the robbery scene before the police pounced on them.

The body of the suspect, who was shot in the buttock, was taken to the police divisional headquarters at Oke-Ila where members of the public started trooping in to catch a glimpse of the alleged.

The slain suspect was in a pair

of boxers and a pull-over said to belong to one of his earlier victims identified as F-Major, a music producer.

The body of the bandit, who was displayed at the Oke Ila Divisional Police Station in the early hours of Thursday, had a ring on his left finger, which was described as voodoo used to ward off bullets and prevent machete and axe cuts.

The police later took the blood soaked body to the teaching hospital morgue for preservation.

Eyewitness account had it that when the bandits arrived the area, they started removing bulbs that illuminated the surroundings to prevent passers-by from sighting them.

A National Youth Service Corps

(NYSC) member, Jude Imegbo, who was allegedly attacked on the eve of his passing out parade, could not attend the event as he was rushed to the nearest private hospital with F-Major.

A police inspector, who was also attacked during the gun duel with the robbers and the other victim, were rushed to the University Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti, where they are receiving treatment.

Due to serious loss of blood, Jude, who had received five pints of drips, was said to have been recommended for blood transfusion.

When the bandits asked for money from them and they could not produce any, they broke a bottle on the head of Jude and his

producer, simply identified as F-Major, were stabbed severally on the head and back.

Another lady in the studio, Tonia, was also stabbed on her thigh and lower part of her left leg when resisting one of the bandits who attempted to rape her.

She was saved by one of the residents who sighted the bandits and shouted "thief, thief" which forced the robbers to flee.

Eyewitness account had it that one of the robbers who was outside giving others protection was a boy about 12 years old.

When the people raised the alarm, the bandits had to flee and headed for another building close by, directly opposite Olobe Primary School, Ado-Ekiti.