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Pregnant Woman Raped As Robbers Shot New Couple

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Two members of a notorious armed robbery gang are currently in police net for raping a six-month old pregnant woman after robbing their apartment along Anwai road, Asaba, Delta state.

It was learnt that the suspects also attacked a man and robbed him of his handset including other valuables on the same road, after beating up another male victim including a lady who was also allegedly raped at gun point.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Celestina Kalu, said that the incident occurred on Friday evening, adding that the pregnant woman was receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital in Asaba.

She said that the suspect upon interrogation confessed to the crime adding that on completion of investigation, they will be charged to court.

Also, dare-devil armed robbers yesterday in the early hours along Benin-Asaba expressway held travellers including traders going to Onitsha market to ransom. They carted away an estimated sum of N1.6 million, killed a lorry motor boy and shot a newly wedded couple.

Eye witness said that the rampaging robbers blocked the road between Otulu and Onitsha Ugbo communities with big woods thereby catching travellers unaware.

It was gathered that while the robbery lasted, the robbers who were said to be operating with sophisticated weapons kept shooting sporadically to scare their victims before men of the anti-robbery squad moved into the scene to engage them.

Unfortunately, some of the robbers escaped with one of the vehicles with bullet wounds while others ran into the bush and abandoned the second vehicle by the road side.

DSP Kalu confirmed that the robbery was bloody saying that they carted away huge sum of money from the travellers.

Some residents who spoke to LEADERSHIP Sunday on condition of anonymity lamented the frequent robbery activities along the Benin Asaba express way and called on the security agents and the state government to redouble their efforts towards ensuring that those behind the frequent robbery activities on that ever-busy expressway are brought to book.

Speaking further, DSP Kalu disclosed that over ten robbery suspects operating between Agbor community and Edo were killed in the last two weeks adding that 21 others were currently helping the police in their investigation at the state CID headquarter in Asaba.

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