

Some suspects being paraded by the FCT Police command yesterday. PHOTO BY JANE OKEKE

Robbery Suspect Dies From Bullet Wounds

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A robbery suspect, Gabriel Ogur, who was shot by police operatives while attempting to escape arrest died from injuries at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital where he was rushed to by the operatives.

According to police information, Gabriel and two of his friends, now at large, attacked one Miss Blessing at Wuse 2 and dispossessed her of her bag, phones and other valuable items at gunpoint.

Blessing was said to have raised the alarm which drew the attention of a team of Special Anti Robbery Squad, SARS, who immediately stormed the scene to arrest the suspects. The operatives managed to arrest Gabriel while his other two accomplices escaped.

When the police in the company of the arrested suspect got to Zuba Town, an Abuja outskirt, where they went in search of the other suspects, Gabriel allegedly attempted to escape from the operatives who

had to shoot at him to demobilise him.

Gabriel was rearrested and immediately rushed to the teaching hospital where he eventually gave up the ghost.

The FCT commissioner of police, CP Wilson Inalegwu who confirmed the incident said the suspect had made confessional statements implicating the other members of the gang.

According to the police, "At about 11pm the complainant reported that a gang of armed robbers attacked her at Wuse 2

and robbed her of her bag, phones and other valuable items at gun point. She raised alarm and SARS personnel on patrol arrested one of the suspects while two escaped.

"The suspect made confessional statement implicating other members of his gang. They were traced to Zuba where the suspect attempted to escape and he was rearrested with bullet wounds and he was rushed to UATH Gwagwalada by DPO Zuba and his officers who came to assist the SARS team where he later died," Inalegwu said.

order to curb "sex for mark" in the nation's tertiary institutions.

The group said that this menace among lecturers has remained unchecked over the years with victims left to live with psychological trauma.

President of the group, Comrade Patrick Eholor, who stated this during an interactive session with newsmen in Benin City, yesterday, said the trend is worrisome, adding, "As fathers, we are tired of the exploitation of our daughters by their own lecturers."

The rights activist disclosed that the foundation was ready to take legal step to jail such "unscrupulous" lecturers and admonished victims to avail themselves of "One Love free counselling."

According to him, it takes courage for victims' of rape to come out even as a woman has a right to say "no" to her husband. "Education is the livewire of any nation. But we are worried that it is gradually dying because of the penchant of lecturers demanding 'sex for grade'.

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