

Suspected robbers kill one in Onitsha

SUSPECTED armed robbers at the weekend shot and killed a 23-year old man in Onitsha, Anambra State.

Three others also sustained gunshot wounds.

The incident, which took place at Kano Street, Onitsha Main Market, has sent jitters to residents, who have enjoyed some respite from robbery and other crimes.

According to eyewitnesses, the four-man gang, which operated on two motor bikes, stormed the market around 2 pm on Satur-

**From Adimike George,
Onitsha**

day and robbed a shop belonging to Mr. John Ogbu.

The robbers made away with about N2 million.

Sources said the robbers panicked and started shooting when they noticed a mob had gathered.

According to the sources, "the victim, Okechukwu Onuh, a trade apprentice, was shot at the chest resulting in his death few minutes after and while three others who were rushed to a nearby hos-

pital sustained various degrees of gunshot injuries."

The Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Yusuf Abdul, did not confirm the incident, saying he was in a meeting.

Police spokesman Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka said the matter has not been reported to the command.

Some traders, however, accused the Police, who mounted a road-block nearby, of failing to challenge the robbers.

They appealed to the command to put measures in place in ensuring safety of lives this Yuletide.

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