

Robber who 'killed' policemen arrested

By Jude Isiguzo and Ebele Boniface

LUCK has run out on a 28-year-old suspected robbery kingpin.

Nonso Egbuzobi, who once survived onslaught by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), in which his colleagues were killed, was paraded by the police yesterday.

Commissioner of Police (CP) Umar Abubakar Manko said Egbuzobi was arrested during a robbery at Ilasamaja near Mushin in Lagos, following a tip-off.

Manko said he sent officer-in-charge, SARS, Superintendent Abba Kyari and the Decoy 5 team to the area to lay ambush for the suspects, who killed some policemen during a robbery at Access Bank in Iyana Ipaja, a Lagos suburb.

The suspects, he said, had planned to rob a businessman in Ilasamaja.

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ensured between the SARS team and the armed robbers and, as a result, two of the three suspects were fatally wounded, while Nonso was arrested alive. One AK47 rifle with S/No: 05267, 11 AK47 magazines fully loaded, one liberty Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) marked LH 124EKY and three Nokia phones were recovered."

Manko said an estate agent, who secured accommoda-

tion for them was arrested, adding that the agent later led detectives to the apartment where one of the dead robbers live in the Iyana Ipaja area and the second house they rented and used as their operational base.

He said after the house was cordoned off, one of the gang members was gunned down while trying to escape, adding that more arms and ammunition, including army uniforms were recovered.

Manko said four of the five recovered rifles belonged to policemen they killed during their separation.

Egbuzobi said he was saved from SARS' bullets by the grace of God, explaining: "I was inside our SUV when



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police started raining bullets on us. I hid under the rear seat. They later searched the vehicle, but were surprised to find me alive. They were happy and told me to be calm that they would not kill me".

NB, FRSC seek safe driving

NIGERIAN Breweries Plc and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) have moved to promote responsible drinking among drivers.

They jointly held a "Don't Drink and Drive (DDD)" campaign at the Oshodi Motor Park in Lagos, where the Managing Director of NB Plc, Mr NicolaAs Vervelde explained that this year's campaign would be held in four states in Nigeria.

He advised drivers to put their vehicles in good condition and obey traffic rules and regulations.

Vervelde, who was represented by the Corporate Social Responsibility/Sustainability Manager, Mrs Emete Tonukari, said through the firm's objective of winning with Nigeria, it has donated books to over 20 schools across the country and also built and renovated classrooms and libraries.

The Lagos Sector Commander of FRSC, Mr Chidi Nkwonta, warned motorists that men of the agency were out to enforce strict compliance with traffic rules in the state.

Unit Commander, FRSC, Oshodi, Mr Samuel Ogundayo, said drinking while driving distracts drivers' attention, adding that the most dangerous of them all are alcoholic drinks like the ones sold in motor parks across the country.

Man to celebrate Xmas in prison for burglary

By Remilekun Osasona

AMIDDLE aged man, Lucky Matthew, will celebrate the Christmas in prison, as he was sentenced to a five-month imprisonment for burglary.

Magistrate P.E. Nwaka of Ejigbo Magistrates Court in Lagos convicted Mathew of a three-count charge of burglary, stealing, shop breaking and attempted stealing.

The defendant pleaded guilty and was jailed one-month each on the first and third offences and three months for the second.

He will, however, spend three months in jail as the sentences will run concurrently with hard labour.

Oluwafemi, had alleged that Matthew on December 14, 2013 conspired with others, who are now at large, to commit felony to wit: shop breaking and stealing at Olugbede Modern Market at Egbeda, a Lagos suburb around 1am.

He alleged further that they broke into Shop B4 Suite and other shops and attempted to commit felony to wit: stealing.

The prosecutor said the offences were punishable under Section 409, 308 and 402 of the Criminal Laws of

Section 263, 278(b) and 312(a) Criminal Laws Cap.32 Vol.2 Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2011.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

28-year old arraigned for 'rape, stealing'

By Remilekun Osasona

A 28 YEAR old man, Chibuike Israel has been arraigned before a Lagos Magistrate's Court in Ejigbo for alleged rape and stealing.

her father's parlour and stole her N250,000 under false pretences.

The offence was said to have been com-