

Robbers raid Kano Sabon Gari market, kill 4

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ARMED robbers yesterday evening attacked the famous Sabon-Gari market, Kano, killing four people including a police officer, who

was on duty at Union Homes, close to the market.

The other three killed were a 10-year-old boy selling apple, a shoe shiner and an elderly man who died while trying to

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escape.

New Nigerian reports that the robbers numbering over ten invaded the market and headed to the jewelries section where they went away with large catches of jewelries valued at millions of Naira and large sums of money.

The merchants were preparing to close for the day when the attack was launched, after the armed robbers blocked one of the major gates of the market.

New Nigerian reports that the police arrived 30 minutes into the operation. They exchanged gun fire with them at the time the armed robbers were trying to take advantage of the congestion around the market to escape.

The robbers came with three cars and in the process of escaping snatched five other vehicles from their owners.

The state police command said even though none of the robbers was arrested, two of their vehicles and three others believed to have been snatched by them have been recovered and kept at the Bompai police headquarters.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Alhaji S. Abba said two policemen are receiving treatment at the hospital. Apart from recovering some of the vehicles, the police were also able to recover arms and ammunition used by the armed robbers.

Alhaji Abba said the robbers' target in the market was jewelries, saying in the process of fire exchange, they dam-

aged police vehicle but after intense pursuit the police recovered some jewelries.

He said the armed robbers found it difficult to escape because the police had been stationed at every strategic point, saying the inability of his men to arrest them was due to the congestion of people in the area.

He, however, said that the armed robbers who escaped with one vehicle would be arrested as the command will use all strategies to see them apprehended.

The deputy commissioner said among the snatched vehicles recovered from the armed robbers were one Honda brand, a new Toyota and Mercedes Benz with registration number DX 637GGE.