

How assailants killed Emerhor's son

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THE refusal of the managements of two hospitals to admit Mani, son of the Vice-Chairman, First Inland Bank, Olorogun Otega Emerhor, after an encounter with armed men might have contributed to the death of the boy.

Mani was allegedly shot by gunmen on a motorcycle on Wednesday at Ilasa on the Lekki-Epe Expressway.

Our correspondent learnt that Mani's case became complicated when he was rejected by two hospitals where he was rushed to.

The hospital managements based their decisions to reject the victim on the fact that he was with bullet wound.

By the time he was rushed to the third hospital, it was too late for the boy to survive.

Mani was said to have just finished his 'A' levels in London and was on holiday in Nigeria when the hoodlums shot him.

A source told our correspondent on the phone on Monday that the deceased, accompanied by a friend, was returning from an outing between 7pm and 8pm when the incident occurred.

He was said to be heading towards Victoria Garden City to drop his friend when his car developed a fault at a filling station at Ilasa.

No sooner had they alighted from the vehicle, with a view to fixing the problem or call for help, than the two men pulled up beside them.

While his friend escaped the attack, Mani was not lucky

as one of the men reportedly shot him at a close range.

By the time his friend returned to the scene and saw the victim writhing in pain, help was sought from passers-by to save his life.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the phone.

Ojajuni said police pre-

liminary report showed that the hoodlums snatched two mobile telephones from the suspects.

He said the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba, was investigating the case.

Meanwhile, the victim's remains would be buried on Wednesday at the Victoria Garden Cemetery after a burial service to be held at Ikoyi Baptist Church, Lagos.

NSCDC arrests suspected phone thief

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THE Anambra State Command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps has arrested a member of a syndicate which specialises in snatching mobile telephones in major towns in the state.

It also recovered a Mitsubishi L-300 bus believed to have been abandoned by robbers after they had dispossessed the occupants of valuable property.

Investigations by our correspondent on Monday revealed that the suspect (name withheld) was arrested in Nnewi on Saturday by men of the command while he was allegedly negotiating to sell a stolen handset.

He hails from Ntolo, also in Nnewi Town. The prospective buyer, however, reportedly took to his heels on sighting the NSCDC men.

Our correspondent gathered that following the suspect's confessions, the men

traced the owner of the handset.

The suspect was reported to have admitted breaking into many homes in the past and picked handsets and other valuables.

The state Commandant, Mr. Sam Ejiofor, confirmed the arrest of the suspect on Monday and said cases of handset snatching had been rising in the state lately.

"But my men will not fold their arms and watch innocent citizens lose their handsets to thieves.

"So, they have extended their searchlight to many areas in the state to ensure that the perpetrators are caught and brought to book," he added.

He confirmed that his men recovered the stolen vehicle on August 1 in Awka at Ugwuagwu, where the suspects allegedly abandoned it.

The bus, which belonged to the fleet of Anaocha Mass Transit Company, had a Lagos registration number XD362-AKD.