

Policeman kills two robbery suspects

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TWO robbery suspects were, on Wednesday, shot dead by one Corporal Baba Maman at Wuse Old Market, Abuja, while two others escaped with bullet wounds.

The suspected robbers were said to be on a mission to rob a nearby company when they met the corporal, whom they reportedly shot.

The policeman attached to 45 Police Mobile Force was said to have pretended to be dead and the robbers moved to snatch his gun from him.

But the corporal, who was merely injured, responded and a gun duel ensued. The duel led to the killing of two of the suspects identified as Collins Victor and Augustine Obetta.

Their operational vehicle, a BMW car marked CE 840 ENU, was riddled with bullets.

Items recovered from the suspects included one AK-47 rifle with 196 rounds of ammunition, which was said to have been snatched from a policeman two weeks ago.

Others were eight AK-47 magazines, Victor's international passport and Obetta's identity card belonging to Obetta.

Also found on them was a bank passbook belonging to Victor and deposit slips showing deposits of N320, 000; N70, 000 and N100, 000 made at different times by one of the deceased.

Speaking to newsmen at the Zone 7 Headquarters of the Police at Wuse Zone 3, the Commissioner of Police, Fed-

eral Capital Territory Command, Mr. Lawrence Alobi, said his command would continue to make it difficult for robbers to operate.

He commended the gallantry of the policeman, who is recuperating at the National Hospital, Abuja following the gunshot he received from the suspects.

Alobi said he would recommend Maman to the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, for promotion.

Man jailed for stealing in mosque

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FOR breaking into a mosque and stealing a microphone, speakers and an amplifier, a man, Sulaimon Mohammed, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment.

The Magistrate, Mrs R. A. Olayemi, faulted the argument of the accused, who claimed he was insane, saying that the evidence before her showed that the suspect was sane.

Describing how he gained

entry into the mosque, Mohammed, who was not represented by a counsel, said he used a rope to climb the third floor of the mosque before breaking into the store where the gadgets were kept.

The worshipper who apprehended Mohammed at the scene of the crime on September 1, Alhaji Rashidi Salami, was also in court.

He was, however, not called by the magistrate to testify.