

# Robbers shoot one another dead while sharing loot

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**A** gang of suspected robbers opened fire on one another in Lagos on Sunday killing four members on the spot.

The incident happened in a bush around the National Theatre, Iganmu, at about 6am when most workers at the theatre were yet to resume for work.

Our correspondent learnt that some men heard unusual noise and movements from the bush and when the noise became persistent, they alerted the police.

Specifically, officers and men of the Iponri police station, led by the divisional police officer, mobilised to the scene and began a search of the bush.

At a spot in the bush, the policemen saw four lifeless bodies on the ground. Upon close examination, the security men discovered that the men were shot dead.

Besides, a Toyota 4-Runner jeep with registration number DC 433 ABJ, two gas cylinders, welding machine, several expended shells of ammunition were recovered from the scene.

After a search of the vehicle, the police discovered that it must have been snatched from its owner, one Mr. Chukwuemeka Benson, whose particulars were found in it.

It was learnt that a few metres away from the scene, two other members of the gang, who had sustained gunshot injuries, were found

and arrested.

Their names were given as Efeture Ojeleogbe and Sunday Chinsindu.

Police preliminary investigation showed that the men, who had on March 10, snatched the vehicle from its owner and had used it for another robbery operation, were sharing their loot when a misunderstanding ensued.

The misunderstanding over the sharing formula, which could not be amicably resolved by the thieves, incurred the wrath of two of them who started the shooting.

## Octogenarian charged with gunrunning

**Tunde Odesola, Osogbo**

**A**N 87-year-old man, Olatunde Awe, was arraigned at an Osogbo Magistrate's Court on Monday, for allegedly manufacturing guns.

According to the charge sheet, Awe, who claimed to be a native of Ilesa, committed the crime at Itokun area of Ilesa, in 2005.

Awe pleaded that he was not guilty of the offence, saying that as a gunsmith, he used to manufacture guns when he was younger but that he no longer had the strength to do so.

Foreclosing any temptation that could make him engage in gun manufacturing, Awe said his children were taking adequate care of him.

The suspect said his children had dissuaded him not to engage in the manufac-

ture of guns, adding that he had spent 10 days in police custody.

Counsel to Awe, Mr. Adetunji Ajagbe, applied for his bail, saying that the suspect, under the law, could be granted bail.

But the police prosecutor, Sergeant John Idoko, opposed the bail application, saying that it would disrupt investigation.

Idoko said the police wished to interrogate the suspect on those he had sold guns to.

The magistrate, Mr. Jide Falola, granted the suspect bail in the sum of N100,000, with a surety who must be a blood relation of Awe.

Falola restricted the movement of Awe to Ilesa-West Local Government Council area and adjourned the case to April 4, 2007 for further hearing.