

Robbers raid hotel, one killed

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A gang of armed robbers besieged a hotel in Lagos on Tuesday and unleashed terror on the staff and customers.

However, one of the robbers was unlucky as he was shot dead by policemen who were on duty at the hotel.

The robbers, it was learnt, came to the hotel (name withheld) situated at Pako bus stop, Old Ojo Road, Satellite Town, at about 2.30am.

Our correspondent gathered that the robbers posed as customers when they entered the hotel but as soon as they got inside, they brought out weapons and began to move from room to room.

All the lodgers in the hotel were reportedly robbed of their money and other valuables just as a worker in the hotel alerted the policemen, who were stationed at the gate.

The policemen, it was learnt, combated the robbers and there was a hot exchange of gunshots.

During the gun duel, one of the robbers, who could not be identified, received a fatal bullet and he died on the spot.

The incident was later reported at Satellite Police Station and other policemen were drafted to the scene.

All the other robbers had fled before the arrival of the policemen from the station. But a police source told our correspondent that some of

the robbers escaped with bullet wounds.

Similarly, a team of policemen attached to the Orile Police Station, has arrested a man suspected to be an armed robber.

The suspect, whose name was given as Jimoh Ijaduola, was arrested on a Frejend motorcycle with registration number LA 2270 RS.

The policemen who were on a stop-and-search duty, found two locally-made pistols and three live cartridges

on the suspect.

It was learnt that the suspect had a passenger on the motorcycle when the police stopped him, but the passenger allegedly jumped off the motorcycle and fled.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a superintendent of police, confirmed both incidents to our correspondent on Wednesday.

Ojajuni said policemen at the respective stations were investigating the cases.

Osun official arraigned for alleged N1.17m fraud

Tunde Odesola, Osogbo

A manager at the Osun State Tourism Board, Timothy Adegboye, was arraigned at the Osogbo Magistrate's Court on Tuesday for allegedly stealing N1,179,204.75k belonging to the board.

According to a six-count charge read in court, the suspect was alleged to have perpetrated the act between November 30, 2005 and August 31, 2006 by falsifying figures.

The charge stated that the suspect abused his office by misappropriating public fund, adding that the money was the property of the Osun State Government.

The defence counsel, Mr. Kayode Oladeji, recalled that the suspect had been in prison custody since October last year.

He also applied for the

bail of the suspect.

Disclosing that the suspect was re-arrested at the Ilesa Prisons, Ilesa, on March 12, 2007 by the police after his bail was secured, Oladeji said that the suspect had spent too long a time in custody.

He noted that two of the six-count charge against the suspect had been struck out on the grounds that the court lacked the jurisdiction to hear cases of advance fee fraud.

The police prosecutor, Sergeant John Idoko, said the suspect was not detained unlawfully. He added that the constitution provided for the arrest and detention of suspects.

The magistrate, Mrs. Olajumoke Daramola, adjourned the case to March 27 for ruling on the bail application even as she remanded the suspect in prison custody.