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Police kill Zamfara car snatcher, rapist during escape

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Mohammed Dahiru

Maiharaji Altine, Gusau

The police in Gusau, the Zamfara State capital, said on Thursday that the notorious leader of a car snatching and rape syndicate, Mohammed Dahiru, aka Pastor Emeka, was shot dead while he was trying to escape.

Dahiru, who was being conveyed to a correctional centre in a police van along with members of his gang, allegedly jumped out of the vehicle and took to his heels in a bid to escape, but the police escort opened fire and killed him instantly.

The incident happened on Wednesday on the Unguwar-Gwaza Road near the police headquarters, where Dahiru and his gang members had been paraded before journalists by the state Commissioner of Police, Usman Nagoggo.

Although the state police command has kept mute on the sudden death of the suspect despite repeated attempts by journalists to confirm the circumstances, the state-owned radio station was, however, broadcasting the news to its listeners.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, who spoke to our correspondent on the development, said he would only comment on it later in the day.

Dahiru was serving a jail term for armed robbery and rape but was granted pardon by Governor Muhammed Matawalle under an amnesty programme to end banditry and kidnapping in the state, because he was thought to be a Fulani bandit.

Nagoggo, who paraded Dahiru along with others at the police headquarters in Gusau on Wednesday, stated that he was wrongly released from prison under the amnesty programme as he was not among the Fulani bandits, but was actually serving a jail term for car snatching and rape.



police officers, who were also arrested by the personnel of the Operation Pun Adani.

Nagoggo stated that apart from snatching vehicles, Dahiru and his gang members had gang-raped several women in the state in the presence of their family members.

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