

Suspected robbers shoot man dead in Rivers

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Commissioner of Police, Rivers State, Mustapha Dandaura

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Suspected armed robbers have killed an unidentified man during a robbery operation in Rumueme, in the Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The incident happened on Sunday after the hoodlums robbed a hair dressing saloon and other shops in the area and were shooting indiscriminately to scare residents away while trying to escape.

An eyewitness said a stray bullet killed the victim while he was trying to escape from the scene of the incident.

“We learnt that the gunmen robbed a hair dressing saloon and other stores in the area and they started shooting indiscriminately.

“The victim, while running for safety, got hit by a stray bullet and died on the spot. His identity could not be ascertained because he didn’t have any identity card on him and neighbours could not identify him too,” the source added.

When contacted, the Rivers State Police Command spokesman, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident, adding that the corpse of the victim had been removed.

Omoni said, “The Commissioner of Police, CP Mustapha Dandaura, has ordered an immediate investigation into the incident.”

Meanwhile, the police in Abuja have arrested three suspected robbers at their hideout on Gimbiya Street, Garki Area 11.

Mohammed Mosco, 40, Sanusi Sani, 22 and Yakubu Lawal, 28, were said to have posed as scavengers to rob unsuspecting members of the public of their phones and other valuables.

“Exhibits recovered from the suspects include, 12 mobile phones, cutlass, five jack knives, one pair of scissors, one belt puncher, two army camouflage hats, one POS machine, packets of cigarette and a cash sum of N29,255,” a statement on Monday by the FCT police spokesman, DSP Anjuguri Manzah, said.