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THE Nigeria Police Force has said it has commenced an investigation into a viral video showing a suspected cop smoking from a Shisha pot.

The Force Public Relations Officer, Frank Mba, in a

statement on Sunday, said the investigation would help to establish the authenticity of the video and the true identity of the man.

The statement read in part, "The Nigeria Police Force has commenced investigation into the viral video showing a man wearing what appears to be a Nigeria Police uniform smoking Shisha. The

investigation will, among other things, seek to establish the authenticity of the video and the true identity of the man in the uniform."

Whether he is a policeman, an impostor or an actor in a movie scene.

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The suspects, who are also phone technicians at the Computer Village, confessed to having sold fake mobile phones to unsuspecting buyers and return fake money to their victims after collecting the real money from them.

One of the suspects, Ogbona, claimed that one Ibrahim, the alleged gang leader, usually advertise on Jiji.com and supply them with the real and fake phones.

He said, "The iPhone X was advertised for N155,000 and the buyer negotiated for N120,000, but because I knew what I wanted to sell to him, I encouraged him to meet me at Olufi after changing the meeting location twice so as to ensure that we were not being baited by the police."

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It was gathered that the suspects' mode of operation was to advertise expensive phones at a cheaper rates on an online platform, Jiji.com, lure their victims and dispossess them of their valuables.

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Two suspected kidnappers killed as police rescue Delta woman

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

PERSONNEL of the Delta State Police Command have rescued a trader, Mrs. Alpezi Okpiti, who was abducted by gunmen, who waylaid her car at the Oforowode junction in Ughelli on Saturday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the 33-year-old woman was rescued from the kidnappers' hideout in the market's area of the

unknown destination.

A correspondent tracked two suspects to Bayelsa State, where they were apprehended. However, the suspects said to have died later gunshot wounds sustained by detectives aided their hideout.

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Samson Folarin

AN attempt by a 16-year-old boy to test his driving skills with his mother's car at the Arena Shopping Mall, Oshodi, Lagos State, has cost a life.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the victim, Mrs Tuale Iwejim, was walking to where she was to buy goods for her shop when she was crushed by the Sports Utility Vehicle.

While the teenager struggled with the car, he was said to have put it in reverse and hit the 50-year-old a second time.

The woman was rushed to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Idi Araba, Surulere, where she had surgery before her death on Thursday, September 4, 2020.

The deceased's husband, Christopher Iwejim, told our correspondent that his wife suffered life-threatening injuries from the accident.

He stated, "We were told that the boy and his mother went to the market to buy some things. After they did, the woman asked the son to wait for her in the car so that she could go and pack the remaining

• Tuale items.

"While the boy was inside the car, somebody shouted that the vehicle was obstructing traffic and asked the occupant to park well. Instead of him to say he was not the driver, he took the key from the mother's bag and started driving.

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when they tried to remove her, some parts of her flesh got torn. Her hip bone was divided from her body. It also appeared like there were iron rods in her leg and there was a hole in the leg," he said.

PUNCH Metro gathered that as the medical expenses piled up, the victim's family sought an agreement with the boy's family for a 50-50 sharing formula.

However, the boy's mother, identified as Victoria Ogunleye, was said to have showed up at the hospital twice with N100,000 on each occasion.

The family was said to have spent close to N1.5m.

Amos said he was surprised that while his mother was in hospital, the military police released the vehicle to the Ogunleyes.

He stated, "The military police called my dad and said the woman wanted to pick her vehicle, and he told them not to release it. But to our surprise, they released the vehicle to the family."

"LUTH later said they wanted to perform a surgery on her. A day after the surgery, she became unstable and they called my dad to ask if he could afford the ICU,

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The Iwejims were said to have

demanding that the boy's family bear the cost of burial and fulfil the agreement to share the medical cost by 50 per cent.

The deceased's husband

lamented that the military police made no arrests and were more concerned about their damaged facilities.

When PUNCH Metro contacted the mother of the boy, she declined comment, saying she was busy.

A senior official of the military police, Captain Fidelis Ekwote, also declined comment when our correspondent asked about the alleged release of the vehicle involved in the accident.

"Come to the military police office in Ikeja cantonment. When you get there, you will get the facts. Ask for me or Captain Lawal," he said.

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TWO mobile phone fraudsters have been arrested by men of the Lagos State Police Command for allegedly defrauding unsuspecting members of the public through an online platform.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the suspect, Chukwu-Emeka Ogbona and Olabode Kehinde, who were arrested separately, were members of a syndicate that specialised in selling fake phones to buyers.

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Police, Hakeem Odumosu, urged Lagosians to be wary of fraudsters masquerading as phone dealers to dispossess them of their hard-earned money, adding that they should ensure that they obtain receipts with traceable addresses for mobile every mobile phone purchased.

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However, the suspects were said to have died later from gunshot wounds sustained when detectives raided their hideouts.

Another source explained, "A third suspect is reportedly on the run. He escaped with the victim but later abandoned her, when he realised that the Delta woman

in Lagos flood