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Confusion as robbers kill gang member, businessman in Benue

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Two gunmen suspected to be armed robbers early hours of Sunday reportedly killed a businessman identified as Jonah Onche at Naka headquarters of Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State.

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It was gathered that one of the robbers was also killed in the process of robbing their victim.

Source from Naka explained that the suspected robbers had stormed the residence of the businessman early hours of Sunday.

“It was around 2:00 am this morning (Sunday) that some gunmen suspected to be armed robbers entered the businessman’s house after scaling the fence.

“It was the sporadic gunshots at the businessman’s house that woke up the neighbor and nobody could come out”, the source said.

Confirming the robbery incident to our correspondent, Chairman of the local government, Mrs Grace Igbabon, said that one of the robbers was son of a pastor.

She explained that the robbers who were known cultists had been terrorising the Makurdi/Naka/Adoka road for some time.

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and sealed through the fence.

“When they entered they (robbers) asked the businessman to bring the money in his house, he brought the money and pleaded with them not to kill him.

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“But one of the robbers collected the money and shot the man in the chest, the other robber who saw what happened shot his colleague and made away with the money.

“The robber that was killed is a pastor’s son, they were actually three gang members but only two went for that operation on Sunday.

The chairman who said that policemen have launched a manhunt for the arrest of the suspected robbers said that the trio started off as cultists and graduated to robbers.

“Twice they had been arrested and taken to court but unfortunately, we still see them around terrorising the people of Naka as well as Naka/Makurdi/Adoka highway,” Mrs Igbabon concluded.

When contacted, the Command Spokesperson, SP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive information about the incident.

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