

Three suspected robbers killed in Delta

Matthew Ochei, Asaba

① Men of the Delta State Police Command have killed three suspected robbers.

The state police spokesman, DSP Bright Edafe, who confirmed this to City Round in Asaba, stated that the command also recovered a pump-action gun and six live cartridges in an abandoned bag.

He said, "On Thursday, June 22, 2023, operatives attached to the 'B' Division, Warri, led by the DPO, SP Bolarinwa Alabi, acted on a distress call about an armed robbery operation along Ugborikoko/Giwa-Amu Airport Road.

"The hoodlums were operating in an unregistered black Toyota Corolla car; the team went to the scene and when the hoodlums sighted the police team, they fired gunshots at the policemen and the team retaliated.

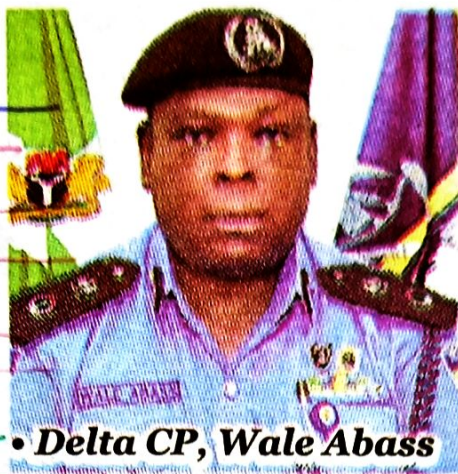
"They engaged them in a serious gun duel during which three of the hoodlums were fatally wounded, while other members of the gang escaped with bullet injuries."

Edafe said the injured suspects gave up the ghost while being taken to a hospital.

He said items recovered from them included one cut-to-size locally fabricated gun, two live cartridges, an unregistered black Toyota Corolla car, and eight different vehicle keys.

In another development, Edafe said the command recovered one pump-action gun and six live cartridges in an abandoned bag.

According to Edafe, operatives of the Rapid Response Squad, while on a visibility building patrol along Asaba-Benin Expressway by Issele Asagba,



• Delta CP, Wale Abass

sighted a suspicious-looking man with a sack, pretending to be waiting for a vehicle.

He said as soon as the operatives alighted from their vehicle, the suspect took to his heels, abandoning the bag.

"Upon searching the abandoned bag, one pump-action gun and six live cartridges were recovered. Effort is on to arrest the fleeing suspect," Edafe added.

Septuagenarian bags death sentence for murder

Peter Dada, Akure

③ A 78-year-old man, Ojo Komolafe, has been sentenced to death by the Ondo State High Court for killing a school proprietor, Taofik Babalola.

The convict committed the offence on August 7, 2021, at Kajola community, in the Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

He was said to have shot the deceased while the latter slept.

Thereafter, he was arrested by men of the state police command and charged with two counts of murder.

During the court proceedings, witnesses were called by the prosecutor.

The girl was later rushed to a hospital after passing out; she died at the hospital.

But some persons in the area claimed that she was not tortured, saying she slumped and was rushed to the hospital where she died.

Meanwhile, a group, Rivers

Abia teacher arrested

Sunday Nwakanma, Umuahia

A secondary school teacher, Ikechukwu Uduma, and his accomplice, Enyiazu Godswill, have been arrested by officials of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Abia State, for attempting to traffick two female students.

The state NSCDC Commandant, Paul Igwebuike, while briefing the press, said the suspects were apprehended around 12.20am on

Also, there were a series of arguments from both the prosecuting counsel and the defence counsel.

In his judgement, Justice Fasanmi held that the prosecution proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and there was direct evidence that linked the convict to the crime.

He said, "It is my finding that the defendant caused the death of the deceased by shooting him with a gun at close range. The defendant was also seen fleeing the place of the crime.

"On the whole, I find the defendant guilty of the two counts as charged. You (the defendant) are hereby sentenced to be hanged on the neck until you die on the first count, and seven years imprisonment for the second count."