

Gallant Cop Overpowers 6 Robbers

• Kills One, 22 Guns Recovered

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In a rare display of bravery and gallantry, a police officer attached to the anti-robbery squad of the state CID, Yaba, Wednesday night single-handedly dislodged a gang of six armed robbers at Anthony Village, Lagos and killed one. The men of the underworld

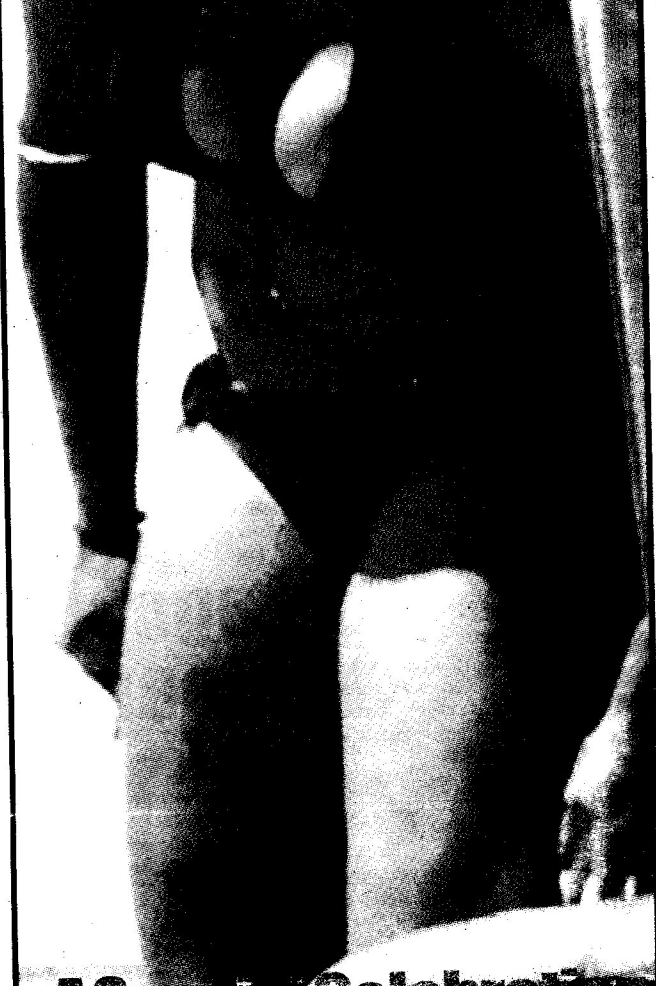
were said to be robbing members of the public at gun point when the police officer, identified as Supol Mike Onalo, ran into them at about 10 p.m.

Investigations revealed that the robbers who were armed to the teeth surrounded the police officer and demanded for his car key, money and handsets. In an attempt to save his life, the of-

ficer reportedly pleaded with the robbers to spare his life and that he would give them money.

But while pretending to bring out money from underneath his car seat, he quietly corked his service pistol and immediately shot one of the robbers who stood by his car door.

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A Special Celebration

•American tennis player, Serena Williams, visits the Florida beach to celebrate her Sony Ericsson title. She defeated Jelena Jankovic 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.



Bank Worker Steals Customers' N117m

Cop Arrest Bank Robbery Kingpin

ADIFEMI/Kaduna

Kaduna Police Command have arrested a gang that specialises in trailing bank customers to their homes and offices to dispossess them of cash withdrawals.

The police recovered the sum of N1,40,000 from them.

According to the Kaduna Commissioner of Police, Haz Iwendi, the gang trailed Shehu Wahab, a staff member of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on 31 March, 2008 after he withdrew N1,379,000 from Zenith Bank Plc., Zaria.

He explained further that Waheed picked N334,000 out of the money to settle some course expenses for INEC staff at Political Department of Ahmadu Bello University, ABU, Zaria and left the balance of N1,45,000 inside his Honda 86 Model car parked within the ABU premises.

The suspects, he explained, forced the door of the car opened and carted away the whole balance left in the car.

Iwendi, however, disclosed that luck ran out on them when they attempted to steal money from another car belonging to Kolade Raheem in Zaria using the same *modus operandi*.

Iwendi said the attempt was foiled by the police patrol team in the area after giving them a hot chase until the principal suspect, Musa Mohammed, 34, of Jos Road, Zaria, was arrested and the other Bala Nafiu escaped.

Meanwhile, during the course of investigation, the Commissioner said the principal suspect confessed to committing the two crimes with Nafiu now at large.

He also said a sharp object and master keys were recovered from them.

Similarly, the Kaduna Police Command paraded three other bank robbery specialists, Okechukwu Awuzi, 26, Ifemasidu Nwoke, 20, Christian Okpara, 36, all of 2, Old Road, Owerri, Imo State.

After they were arrested, they also confessed to series of similar operation and robbing bank customers in various banks in



The scene of an accident involving a Lagos State government truck with registration number LA 86A 31 and a commercial motorcycle this morning opposite Daily Times in Agidingbi, Ikeja. Inset: The crushed motorcycle. PHOTOS: IDOWU OGUNLEYE.

Truck Crushes Okada Rider

IDOWU OGUNLEYE

A truck belonging to the Lagos State government with registration number LA 86 A 31 this morning crushed a commercial motorcyclist (okada rider) to death at the Mobil junction, opposite Daily Times, in Agidingbi, Ikeja.

His passenger, however, sur-

vived the accident with injuries.

The motorcycle, with registration number QV 103 FST was crushed beyond recognition while the rider was seen in a pool of blood under the truck.

P.M. News gathered that the accident was caused by impatience on the part of the driver of the vehicle and motorcyclist.

As at the time of filing this

report, the corpse of the motorcyclist had been taken away and deposited at the mortuary of the Ikeja General Hospital.

The injured passenger is also at the General Hospital receiving treatment.

The identity of the motorcyclist could not be ascertained at press time.

Lagos AC Condemns Senate Clearance Of Iyabo Obasanjo

The Lagos State chapter of the Action Congress has condemned the Nigerian Senate for its attempt to shield Senator Iyabo Obasanjo from prosecution from acts of corruption involving the N10 million Christmas gift she received from the Ministry of Health and for which the former Minister of Health, Mrs. Adenike Grange and many other officials of the ministry are standing trial.

Lagos AC sees the senate attempt as a bold move to give official stamp to corruption just because one of its own is involved in the sordid acts that are now subject of prosecution by the EFCC.

In a release in Lagos signed by the party's Lagos State Publicity Secretary, Joe Igbokwe, the party insists that the attempt to turn an act of bribery to gift to a

the just trial of Iyabo Obasanjo, if not to pervert justice and give her an escape route from the punishment that should be hers for her acts of indiscretion. We do not understand the heightened interest the senate if building on the issue if not to grant immunity from prosecution to one of their own that has soiled her fingers and is keeping a straight face on that act.

"We know that the conversion of the corrupt Christmas gift to a donation to a Senate Committee is a precursor to the obtrusive role the Senate is playing on the Iyabo Obasanjo scandal currently and this stands to soil the already compromised image of the Senate if it insists on giving its clearance to people who have serious cases to answer before the courts and the Nigerian people who are victims of the greed and gluttony of the

desist from further attempts to protect any of its own that is needed to give accounts of his or her vile deeds and allow Nigeria to recover the bits it can from Obasanjo's llicitiousness.

"We urge the EFCC not to be deterred by the antics of this senate and ensure that Iyabo Obasanjo is arrested and brought to justice for her nefarious deeds and not be persuaded by the desperate attempts to save Iyabo Obasanjo from justice.

"The EFCC should ensure that it erases the impression that the laws are meant to selectively deal with culprits as that is the surest way to ensure that the kind of impunity with which the Iyabo Obasanjos and their ilk see Nigeria is not given official stamp."

Lagos Sacks

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said there was no doubt that there may be such officials but that KAI officials were trained not to retaliate when provoked.

The commissioner's statement was contrary to that of the KAI Marshal General, retired Captain Danjuma Maigari, who said recently that KAI officials were trained to defend themselves.

"You can't attack them and go scot-free," Maigari had said, adding that his-men were trained in various combat styles, to fight back when attacked.

Banire also read the riot act to traders who had turned half of the Agege Motor Road into a market, leading to heavy traffic snarls in the area.

"We are planning our operational strategy. We have sent signals to them through the local government, to tell them to va-

Bank Worker

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N117 million to Magnus Ukwuoma through two different accounts, Valmac Nigeria Ltd. 120342211 and Ukwuoma Magnus Chinedu 1201197611, in Owerri, Imo State.

When quizzed by the police, Uche confessed his sins and led the police to arrest his friend, Magnus.

"At different times, I used my computer wizardry to manipulate some customers' accounts to the tune of N117 million. But I benefitted only N58 million, while Magnus whose account was used to siphon the money benefitted to the tune N20 million," Uche stated in his confessional statement.

The suspect also explained how he spent his share of the loot: "I bought two plots of land in Owerri, Mitsubishi Sigma car for N720,000, floated two dif-

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The shooting angered the other robbers who engaged the officer in a gun battle. When they discovered that they were no match for the police officer, they abandoned their get-away Audi 2.8 car, with registration number Lagos SJ 71 AAA and fled.

A search of the abandoned vehicle by the police officer and some policemen who came to his rescue led to the recovery of 22 guns, cartridges and 12 handsets.

Police investigation showed further that the 12 handsets were snatched from passengers of Lagos-bound Cross Country mini bus, around Ijebu Ode area of Ogun State.

P.M. News gathered that the

cate the place. "We don't just want to move in anyhow because the casualty will be too much," he stated.

The commissioner further appealed to Lagosians to desist from degrading the environment through dumping of refuse in canals, as government was committed to transforming the environment into an enviable one conducive for business and tourism.

"We appeal to all Lagosians to please complement the efforts of government by disposing their wastes properly. All households should dispose waste through accredited PSP operators and not cart pushers who end up dumping the refuse in canals and other water bodies, thereby causing floods and epidemics that get back to us.

"We must desist from dumping refuse in our drainage channels and water bodies, lagoon and streams. It is erroneous for anyone to think that water will sweep away refuse," he said.

ferent companies, Trudge Ltd., and Realmakup International Ltd and I spent about N1,200,000 on a tour of the United States of America."

Police source told P.M. News that Magnus was arrested at the premises of the SFU when he came from Owerri to visit his friend and sympathise with him on his (Uche's) arrest.

Magnus confessed that "I only benefitted N20 million. I bought 14 plots of land in Owerri, Imo State; I bought 22,382 units of Intercontinental Bank shares; 220,000 units of First Bank shares and invested N3,500,000 in my companies."

"I also bought three cars, two Honda Civic cars, worth N4 million and a Pathfinder Jeep worth N1 million."

A police source told P.M. News that the suspects would soon be charged to court.

stolen handsets had been returned to their owners, while the impounded get-away vehicle is now lying at the compound of the SCID, Panti, Yaba.

Narrating his ordeal in the hands of the robbers, the police officer said: "I thank God I am alive. Immediately I ran into the robbers, I had a divided mind on whether I would survive the confrontation or not."

"But my mind told me to be bold and do my best. That was how God revealed the tactics I used on the robbers."

"They were determined to snatch my vehicle and would have killed me if they discovered that I was a police officer with arms. I give glory to God for giving me the courage to confront them."

"It was not by my power but God's," the officer stated.