

Four Robbers Shot Dead

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The police in Ekori, Yakkur Local Government Rea of Cross River State, Nigeria, killed four armed robbers at the Nko Rubber Estate.

Sources said the four robbers are among the gang of eight who took advantage of the bad state of the road to terrorise commuters and the people of the area for several months.

"They made the Calabar - Ikom road a nightmare for travellers particularly in the night," a source said.

According to our source who gave his name as David, a resident of Nko, the robbers occasionally laid ambush for traveller at bad spots along the highway where they stopped vehi-

cles to rob.

He said the robbers waylaid motorists at the bad spot close to the Nko Rubber Estate and were dispossessing people of money and valuables when the police got wind of their presence and went after them.

A police source revealed that "we put out the light on our vehicle and swooped on them suddenly in the dark. We shot at them at close range and some managed to escape into the estate while our fire cut down these four."

He said the police beef up security to ensure that the Yakkur New Yam festival which the state is scheduled to

celebrate is crime free.

The robbers, at press time, were yet to be identified as they are said to be strange faces in the area.

"Unusually, these robbers come from other states to rob here. None of these faces is a familiar one around here," David added.



•The four robbery suspects shot dead by police

I was given a snp, later a in the courtroom saying: "You caused me so much grief."

He said he had sex with her five to seven times over a three month period in 2004, at least three of which were without condoms.

He maintained contact with her after their affair ended and said it was her aunt who told him in 2007 that she was HIV positive.

The man told the court, "My quality of life has shrunk enormously. I cannot travel to many countries. I have been told by my doctor my condition can become full blown Aids at any time.

"My income is halved but this is not about money. I am getting nausea all the time."

He said her management offered him a deal to remain silent about her HIV but he said he wanted her to go public with it and pay 100,000 euros to an Aids research charity.

If she had done this, he

will admit to this charge.

She is calling in her defence during the five-day hearing Aids expert, Professor Dr. Josef Eberle of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitty of Munich.

He is expected to testify that the victim may have been infected by another sexual partner.

After the trial before a judge and two lay people ends, she could be jailed for a maximum of ten years.

Benaissa's HIV status was discovered in 2000 during a pregnancy test at a hospital. "I was totally surprised," she said.

The court heard she had sexual encounters with the three men a maximum of five times between 2000 and 2004. She is appearing before a juvenile court because her infection happened 11 years ago when she was 17.

Benaissa was arrested in April 2009 shortly before a

show Popstars.

They are Germany's most successful girl band and sold five million albums from 2000 to 2003.

They reformed in 2007 and competed in the 2008 Eurovision Song contest but only came in 23rd.



Nadja Benaissa