

chers arrested

Kalu

etec-

where

ested."

om the

arged

as also

g to

resi-

ting to

ply

alking

l-

nt, the

pted to

by

to the

police.

She said that one locally-made pistol was recovered from him. Kalu said the suspect was still facing interrogation.

Kalu commended the youths for arresting the suspects and quickly handing them over to the police without resorting to jungle justice.

She assured the youths of police diligent investigation into the matter, warning criminals, especially armed robbers and kidnapers to leave the state.

Another security guard shot dead in Benin

FROM TONY OSAUZO, BENIN

Barely one week after a security guard was stabbed to death by thieves who raided three Bureaux de Change shops on Lagos Street in Benin, another security guard identified as Ernest Ukpom, was yesterday morning found dead in the pool of his blood on Mission Road.

He was shot on the head by thieves, who looted beverages and wine shops along Mission Road.

Some of the affected owners said their

shops were always looted by criminal gangs in the Edo State capital just as others declined comments.

Security guards at commercial centres around the Kings Square recently have been targets of attack and maiming by thieves and hoodlums who raided shops in the area.

Confirming the incident, the police command's spokesman, Mr Joseph Edogiawerie, a Deputy Superintendent, said the police have beefed up security around the commercial centres, adding that one expended cartridge was found at the scene of the crime.