

Trader shot dead

From **Chuks Onuoha** Umuahia

FOUR gunmen operating on a tricycle (aka Keke Napep) have shot dead a 52-year-old trader in his shop in Umuahia, Abia State after collecting his phone and that of his wife and an undisclosed amount of money, being the day's proceeds.

Mr Obiorah Ibe was said to have told his widow, Azuka that they should close for the day shortly before the tragedy struck.

Mrs Ibe told *Crime Watch Today* that while they were packing, a young boy who is about 20 years-old, entered their shop, clasping his two palms. She thought the intruder had come to buy something.

According to her, immediately he arrived, the suspect opened his palms and what she saw was a shot steel gun. The boy ordered her that she should give him the money and phone which she handed over to him without hesitating, in an apron containing the items.

She said it was at that point that her husband, who was coming out from the shop, saw the boy leaving with the apron, he shouted.

While the boy with the apron quietly jumped inside the tricycle that was waiting in front of the shop, another member of the gang standing by the side, shot my husband on the neck and head, he fell down. They zoomed off with the tricycle," Mrs Ibe said.

NSCDC nabs 12 oil thieves

From **Bamigbola Gbolagunte**, Akure

THE Ondo State Command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has arrested 12 suspects over alleged illegal bunkering.

The suspects were nabbed at Ubeke in Uyo