early morning travelers or those going to work. to be lonely at night. If we saw as many as three persons, we would not operating with the police, they should forgive me and tell me to go home items except the money, which had vanished from the purse."

Armed robbery suspect shot dead

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THE Zamfara State Police Command has shot dead a suspected armed robber during exchange of gun fire with the hoodlums.

Two others escaped with bullet injuries while the police recovered three

masks used by the robbers.

At a press briefing in Gusau, the state Commissioner of Police (CP), Femi Ogunbayode, said the robbers were accosted by the police while robbing one Pastor Eze on Premier Road in the metropolis.

He said: "We got a distress call at about 2:25am that some armed robbers were operating in Pastor Eze's residence and our men responded to the distress call."

He said when the police arrived the scene, the robbers opened fire on them and the police responded. "In the ensuing encounter, one of the hoodlums was shot dead while two others escaped with bullet injuries. The good news is that the victim's family was rescued unhurt. The victim told us that the robbers were three in number."

The CP warned that hard times awaited criminals, especially armed robbers in the state.