

# Suspect dies as fleeing robbers crash snatched vehicle

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**A** suspected armed robber, Emeka John, has died in an accident when he and his colleagues were trying to escape with a vehicle they allegedly snatched from a victim at gunpoint.

The accident occurred at Ode Remo in Ogun State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, who disclosed this to journalists yesterday, said the suspect died while receiving treatment at the hospital.

Oyeyemi said the robbers had snatched a Toyota Camry from their victim in Ondo State and were fleeing to Lagos when they crashed the vehicle at Ode Remo in Remo North Local Government Area of Ogun State.

He gave the names of the other members of the gang as Sunday Emmanuel and Idris Ibrahim.

The PPRO said the three occupants of the vehicle sustained varying degrees of injury and were rushed to hospital by the policemen from Ode Remo Divisional

Headquarters.

But while they were receiving treatment in the hospital, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Ode Remo Division, CSP Fasogbon Olayemi, received information that the vehicle in question was snatched at gunpoint by the accident victims.

"Having received the information, the DPO quickly ordered that they (suspects)

be placed under arrest right in the hospital.

"The owner of the vehicle, who came all the way from Ondo State, explained that he was accosted on the road by a gang of five men dressed like policemen, and that he was dragged out of the car at gunpoint and the vehicle was taken away," the PPRO said.

Oyeyemi disclosed that

the two suspects, who survived the accident, had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigations and Intelligence Department (SCIID) on the orders of the Commissioner of Police, Edward Awolowo Ajogun.

The PPRO said the suspects would later be transferred to Ondo State Police Command where they would be prosecuted.



Suspected robbers

## Absence of witness stalls Evans' defence, trial

**John Chikezie**

**A**bsence of a defence witness yesterday stalled the trial of the alleged kidnap kingpin, Chukwudimeme Onwuamadike alias Evans, who is standing trial before an Ikeja High Court, Lagos for conspiracy and kidnapping.

Evans was charged alongside five others - Uche Amadi, Ogechi Uchechukwu, Chilaka Ifeanyi, Okwuchukwu Nwachukwu and Victor Aduba - over the alleged kidnap of the Chief Executive Officer of Maydon Pharmaceutical Limited, Mr. Donatius Dunu.

The six defendants were arraigned on August 30, 2017 on a two-count of conspiracy

and kidnapping.

However, during yesterday's proceedings, Evans' lawyer, Mr. Oyekunle Falabi, informed the court that the female witness whose name was not provided, could also no longer be reached via the phone.

"My lord, ordinarily we are ready to go on, but I'm

surprised that the first defendant's (Evans) witness is not in court.

"My lord, we have even put her through as a witness and I am surprised that she is not here.

"I've been trying to reach her on the phone but her line is switched off. I am praying that the court should give us a short date."

Counsel to the other five defendants also agreed with Falabi's request for an adjournment.

Justice Hakeem Oshodi thereafter adjourned the case till June 29 for continuation of defence, while urging other defendants to come along with their witnesses.

Meanwhile, earlier in his defence, Evans had denied

all criminal allegations of kidnapping against him by the Lagos State government while insisting that he was a legitimate businessman.

The alleged kidnap kingpin maintained, in his testimony, that his name was not Evans and that he only admitted being a kidnapper immediately after the police killed four suspects, who refused to cooperate with them.

While led in defence by his counsel, Victor Okpara, he said: "My name is Chukwudumeme Somtochukwu Onwuamadike. I am from Nnewi North Local Government Area in Anambra State. I live at Fred Shoboyede Street, Magodo Phase II, Lagos. I am a businessman and I deal in ornaments and Horlicks."



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