

Police kill robber in failed fuel station raid

AN armed robber (names withheld), Monday, met his Waterloo as he was killed by a policeman while attempting to rob a petrol attendant of the day's sale at Impetus Filling Station, Ugwu-Oriji, Owerri.

A gang of five had come in a red Toyota Camry car. Armed with an AK-47 rifle, one of them walked to the petrol attendant, identified as Chibuike, shot the attendant and tried to dispossess him (attendant) of proceeds from the day's sales.

The gunshot attracted the attention of a policeman who exchanged shots with invading robbers.

The cop's intervention foiled the robbery and resulted in the death of one of the robbers. The others escaped in their car.

Briefing journalists on the incident, the Police Public

Relations Officer, DSP Nwairuwu Linus, said an AK-47 rifle with three magazines loaded with 54 rounds of live ammunition and N3,840, were recovered from the deceased robber.

The petrol attendant was rushed to a hospital, while the corpse of the robber had been deposited at FMC mortuary for post-mortem examination.

He also said that someone (name withheld) of Abiriba Ohafia, had also been arrested with a locally made pistol when he attempted to rob occupants of Uchegbu Paul & Paul Hotel, Owerri, while his accomplice, a student of Imo State Polytechnic, escaped.

He assured that discreet investigation had commenced with the aim of unraveling the identities of the fleeing robbers.