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**T**HE newly posted Commissioner of Police in charge of Benue State, Mr. Adams Audu, has announced his presence in the Police Command with the arrest of over 42 suspected criminals across the state, which remains one of the biggest haul of criminals in the history of the state. Among the suspects arrested was a four-man gang who allegedly robbed and killed Rasaki Lukman, 49, who until his death on Saturday, June 1, 2013 was the Benue State Area Sales Manager of West Africa Milk Company (WAMCO) PLC.

Parading the suspects last Wednesday at the State Command Headquarters in Makurdi, Audu explained that the deceased was discovered dead in his room beside Makurdi Modern market while his Toyota Corolla car and other items in his compound were also stolen. He said in the course of investigation, his men tracked the stolen vehicle in a hotel in Abuja where negotiations for the sale of the stolen car was ongoing.

According to the Police boss, the arrested suspects who included, Philip David, Owoicho Egwu, Ochai Obek and Osuga Ezekiel, confessed to the dastardly killing of their victim after inflicting severe injuries on him, by tying his hands and legs and locking him in a room. He disclosed that some of the items recovered from the suspects alongside the 2010 model Toyota Corolla include one GSM handset with two SIM cards, one clipper, a printer, six different handsets, and one vehicle plate number 'CE 253 AKD'.

Mr. Audu explained that the other paraded suspects were arrested severally and collectively for criminal conspiracy, cultism, possession of fire arms and armed robbery in a renewed onslaught on criminality across the state. Among them were the duo of Mohammed Yau and Zakari Yau, the two herdsmen, who allegedly stole 43 cows belonging to Bishop Michael Aboci of Otukpo Catholic Diocese. They were said to have confessed that they Waylaid at gun point, the cow tenders at Ichama Village Okpokwu Local Government Area of the state.

**H**e disclosed further that 41 of the stolen cows were recovered by the Police at the boundary between Okpokwu and Enugu State while one of the cow tenders, Fidelis Gor who was abducted

by the gunmen was later found dead the following day by the Police search party while his companion, Jacob Biim escaped. The Police Commissioner also revealed that among the paraded suspects was a gang of mercenaries who recently invaded and killed several persons in Agatu Local Government area of the state.

He recalled that, "recently some heavily armed men from Nasarawa State crossed over the river to Agatu Local Government area and attacked the community which resulted to the death of many people after burning down several houses. Police investigation led to the arrest of five persons who are presently being interrogated. Two of the suspects who were arrested June 11: Tanko Onyilo and Danladi Amadu had already confessed committing the offence.

"While Onyilo confessed killing two people, Danladi confessed to have killed seven persons while the crisis lasted. They stated that they were hired by Fulani herdsmen based in Nasarawa State, who they claimed hired them to unleash terror on the community on the premise that the people of Agatu never allowed them to graze their cattle in their land."

Also paraded was one Atagher Eryum, a cashier with Ministry of Finance, Makurdi in company of Adoja Odugbo, a driver in the same Ministry



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both of whom he said went to First Bank Plc, Makurdi and withdrew the sum of N17.8m without escort. "They alleged that while on their way to the office, armed robbers struck and took away the above sum

from them and escaped to unknown destination.

"Policemen who rushed to the scene recovered an AK 47 rifle magazine containing 27 rounds of live ammunition from the driver's pocket while

the scene of the alleged robbery is just about 100 meters away from the Secretariat's gate. The whole story looked concocted but we are still investigating," he said.

## B-E-T-R-A-Y-A-L

### House-help, lover, fake soldiers

By EVELYN USMAN

**O**PERATIVES of the Special Anti Robbery Squad, SARS, Ikeja, Lagos have arrested a female house help who allegedly connived with her boyfriend and two fake soldiers to rob her master of over 100,000 Dollars.

The 23 year-old house help, Adaeze Ijeoma, allegedly sneaked into her master's bedroom located in Maryland, Lagos, last month, after he traveled out of the country. Unsure of where to keep the foreign currency, she reportedly took it to her boyfriend, one Onyebuchi Uche, only for him to flee with the money, leaving Adaeze in doubt.

On his part, Onyebuchi, who has been jobless for years, rushed to Alade market, Ikeja where he changed some of the dollars to naira and thereafter, deposited the sum of N8 million in two banks. He thereafter, told

operatives at SARS that he also bought a car; 'End of Discussion' and a plot of land in an undisclosed area where he had started molding blocks for building.

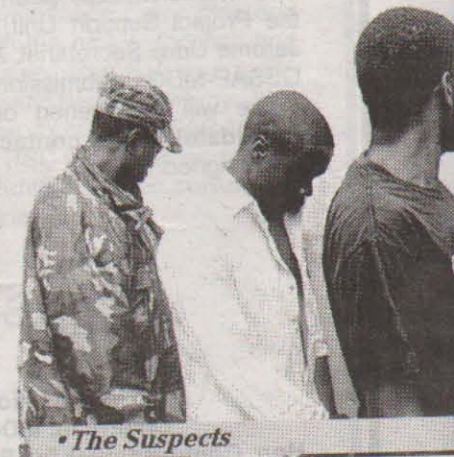
Determined to get her own share of the loot from her, betrayed Adaeze was said to have confided with one of her relatives identified simply as Nnamdi to help retrieve the money from her estranged lover.

Nnamdi and two other persons clad in Military camouflage reportedly stormed Maryland last week where on spotting Onyebuchi, bundled him inside his new vehicle and took him to a hotel in Mende area of Lagos, where they reportedly tortured him and forced him to disclose where he kept the money. They reportedly managed to get the sum of N6.5 million from two separate banks where Onyebuchi kept the money, including the new car he bought.

However, just when Adaeze was contemplating on what to do with her own share of the recovered loot, an eight man robbery gang reportedly stormed her master's home, where an unspecified amount including his phones and other valuables were carted away.

The robbery case was reported at SARS after which Adaeze and two other persons were arrested. Although she denied having a hand in the recent robbery, she however, disclosed her role in the theft of 100,000 Dollars.

In this interview with *Crime Guard*, she said: "I am from Akri village in Ogbaru Local Government area of Anambra State. I left the village in 2010, after my secondary school education in search for greener pasture in Lagos, where I started working as a house-help for Chief Uche and was paid the sum of N10,000 monthly. I lived in the same apartment with chief and to be honest to him, he has



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treated me as a member of the family.

"I met my boyfriend Onyebuchi after being lonely for a while in 2011. I was tempted to steal my boss's money and gave it to my boyfriend to keep so that we can start our own life. I gave him because he promised he would marry me. I stole the money so that we can, at least,