

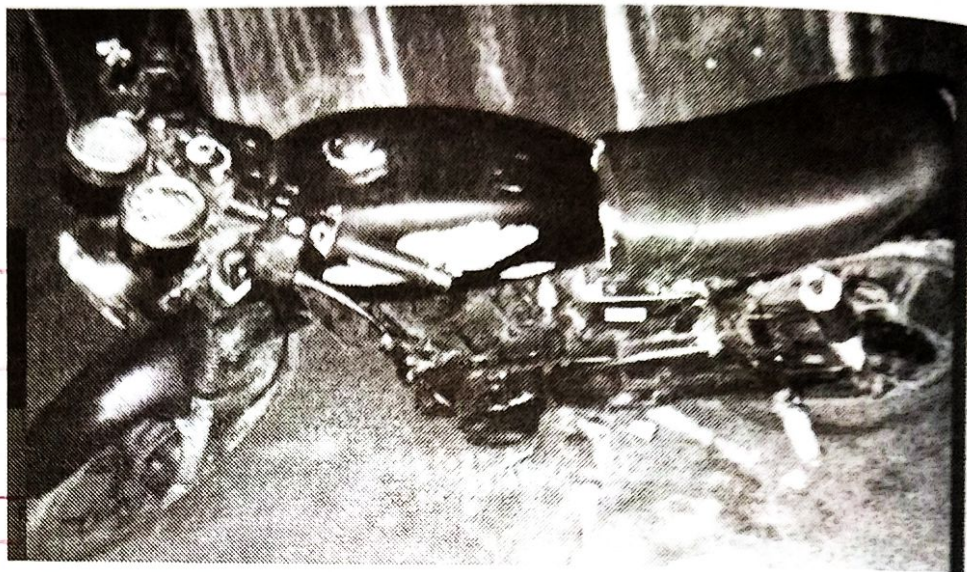
# Police kill PoS robber, others flee in Imo

By Chinonso Alozie

A suspected armed robber, robbing operators of Point of Sales, POS, around Egbu in Owerri North Local Government Area of Imo State, has been gunned down by operatives of the state police command.

The state Commissioner of Police, Abutu Yaro, who disclosed this to newsmen at the command's headquarters, yesterday in Owerri, while parading the lifeless body of the suspect, said his men moved into action following reports from operators of POS that they were being robbed almost daily.

According to the Police, "Sequel to reports, that some



One of the motorcycles recovered from the robbers,

POS operators were being robbed in some areas within the state, the Commissioner of Police immediately drafted the

command's tactical teams to these areas for an undercover operation to detect and arrest the hoodlums committing these crimes.

"After series of discreet information gathering, luck ran against the hoodlums, Wednesday, at about 16:00 hours, when the teams received a distress call that hoodlums using two power bikes were seen robbing POS operators at Egbu in Owerri North Local Government Area of the state.

"The command's tactical team immediately raced to the scene, on sighting the police, the hoodlums sped off with their power bikes shooting at them. The police retaliated, giving them a hot chase and in the process, one of the hoodlums was gunned down while others escaped with bullet wounds.

"The black power bike with number plate IMO, AFR 387 OJ, a locally made double barrel pistol with seven rounds of live cartridges were recovered. Presently, the command's tactical team is making frantic efforts to arrest the fleeing suspects."

## Farmer remanded in prison for defiling neighbour's daughter

By Dayo Johnson

**AKURE**—A 45-year-old farmer, Igwe Sunday, has been remanded in the Olokuta prison, Akure, Ondo State for allegedly defiling a nine-year-old daughter of his neighbour Sunday, a father of four, was arraigned on a count charge of unlawful carnal knowledge. He was said to have committed the offence on July 3 at Igunshin Camp via Ala in Akure.

The police prosecutor, Augustine Omhenimhen, said the offence is punishable under Section 218 of the Criminal Code cap 37 Laws of Ondo State 2006.

Plea of the defendant was not taken as the presiding magistrate, O. R Yakubu, said the court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the case.

Omhenimhen then urged the court to remand the suspect at Nigerian Correctional Centre pending advice from the office of the Director of Public Protections, DPP.

Magistrate Yakubu said the offence committed was a capital one and that she lacked the power to entertain it.

During questioning, the suspect said: "I committed the offence. The child is my neighbour's daughter and we both work in the same camp." He said he has four children but that his wife was no longer with him.

Magistrate Yakubu, thereafter, ordered the police to duplicate the case file and send it to the DPP for legal advice. She adjourned the case to November 1, 2021