

Stray bullet kills tricycle rider outside Lagos brothel

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A yet-to-be-identified tricycle rider has been killed by a stray bullet outside a brothel in the Badore area of Ajah, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the incident occurred on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

It was gathered that the deceased had gone to the brothel to relax after the day's work, but later stepped out to purchase an item from a nearby shop.

The assailants, whose number could not be ascertained, thereafter stormed the area and began shooting sporadically.

A police source in the area, who spoke to *PUNCH Metro* on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak on the matter, said one of the stray bullets struck the tricycle rider, killing him on the spot.

“We were told that the man had just finished work that evening and went to the brothel to relax and have fun. Shortly after, he stepped out to buy bottled water since the one sold inside was a bit expensive. While he was at a nearby shop, some men believed to be cultists drove past the area and started shooting aimlessly. One of the bullets hit him, and he died instantly,” the source narrated.

A resident who was privy to the incident but did not want his name in print due to the nature of the incident told our correspondent that the attack was carried out by suspected cultists.

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According to the resident, the shooting was allegedly targeted at a rival in the community.

“We discovered that the shooting was cult-related. Although we did not know their numbers, those who witnessed it said they were in a blue Toyota Corolla when they drove past the area while shooting anyhow before the man was hit by a bullet.”

When contacted, the spokesperson for the Lagos police command, Abimbola Adebisi, confirmed the incident.

According to her, the lifeless body of the deceased was found on the spot in the morning.

“The attention of the police was called to the incident the following morning, and his corpse was found where the incident had happened. His body was taken to the morgue. His family was contacted, and the body has been handed over to them for burial.”

PUNCH Metro reported on October 2 that a fresh graduate of the Osun State College of Technology, Esa-Oke, simply identified as Taoreed, was struck by a stray bullet during a clash between rival cult groups in the community.

The killing adds to a growing list of cult-related shootings that have been witnessed in some parts of the state in the past few months.