

Police arrest two customs operatives over Osun driver's killing

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The Osun State Police Command has arrested two operatives of the Nigeria Customs Service allegedly involved in the fatal shooting of a driver along the Osogbo–Iwo Road.

Our correspondent gathered that outrage trailed the alleged killing, which occurred on Sunday around the Onibueja area of Ido-Osun, Osun State.

According to a video of the incident obtained by *PUNCH Metro*, the shooting occurred near a roadblock at about 10 a.m.

The perpetrators were said to be security operatives in mufti who had been trailing the deceased driver from the Iwo end of the road.

The video showed that the vehicle driven by the victim was riddled with bullets, while a crowd of angry residents gathered at the scene, demanding a thorough investigation to identify those responsible.

Confirming the incident in a statement sent to our correspondent, the Osun State Police Command spokesperson, Abiodun Ojelabi, identified the arrested suspects as Kolawole Suuti and Danjuma Samuel.

According to him, the operatives were reportedly chasing suspected “tokunbo” (foreign-used) vehicles when the incident occurred.

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“Following the report, police operatives swiftly responded and apprehended the two officers.

“Meanwhile, the driver of the ash-coloured Toyota Corolla, one of the vehicles being chased by the customs operatives, was shot and later confirmed dead by a medical doctor at the Osun State University Teaching Hospital. His corpse has been deposited at the morgue. The name of the victim is yet to be identified,” the statement read.

Ojelabi said the following items were recovered from the scene of the incident: one Beretta pistol with breech number 125024; eleven rounds of 9mm live ammunition; one expanded 9mm shell; a white Toyota Corolla with registration number AAA 400 GQ (Lagos); and an ash Toyota Corolla with registration number GFQ 0982 (Texas).

He added that the suspects were currently in police custody.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Ibrahim Gotan, has ordered a thorough investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The police also assured members of the public that anyone found culpable would be made to face the full wrath of the law.

Ojelabi urged residents to remain calm and cooperate with security agencies by providing credible information that could aid the ongoing investigation.