

# Fuel price increase tragedy

## Driver kills passenger over ₦40 fare

Ametreo driver, Mr. Sabiru Omotunde who allegedly killed his passenger over the latter's purported refusal to pay transport fare is now cooling off in the police cell of State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti Yaba, Lagos.

Daily Champion learnt that trouble started when the driver requested the passenger, identified as Sikiru to pay N40 transport fare as against N20 hitherto paid along the route, following hike in petroleum product prices by federal government.

It was learnt that there

was altercation between the driver and the deceased over the money.

While the deceased insisted that he had only N20 and was not ready to add anything to it, the driver vowed that he would not let go the deceased, unless he (deceased) paid him his last kobo.

The driver who drives one of the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) tricycle popularly known as "Keke NAPEP" was said to have hinged his argument on the recent increase in fuel price, noting that he spent more money

on fuel now than before. "I bought fuel at high price, a litre of fuel was sold to me at N75, after waiting for so long, where do I get the money, government did not show mercy on us why must I show mercy on him, all I need is my money and nothing else."

A witness told our correspondent that the argument over the additional N20 lasted for several minutes with many people pleading with the driver to collect the money from him which he rejected.

However, tragedy struck

when the driver mistakenly hit the deceased with iron, he held on his hand, resulting to the slumping of the passenger. He was immediately rushed to the hospital but he died on his way.

Confirming the incident, police spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni said the driver engaged the deceased in a fight and suddenly hit the passenger with iron at Allen Avenue Junction Ikeja.

The Superintendent of Police (SP) said the victim died while going to a nearby hospital, adding that his corpse has been deposited in the state morgue for autopsy.

The police spokesman noted that homicide section of SCID has begun investigation into the matter.

Similarly, staff and customers of Calabar Kitchen, an eatery joint, located at Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island were shocked following the electrocution of one of the hotel staff, identified as Peter Eyo Akpan.

Our correspondent also learnt that Akpan was electrocuted in the kitchen for undisclosed reason.

He was said to have been certified dead in a nearby hospital. Ojajuni also confirmed the incident, saying that the case was under investigation.

### Missing vehicles

Owner M. Jegede  
Honda Civic (Year 2006 Model)  
Reg-No: BP501 FKJ  
Colour Galaxy Grey or Citetallic Brown  
Eng no: R18A11029015  
Chasus no: JHMF167865408749  
Snatched at gun point on  
Monday May 28, 2007  
Time: about 7.45pm  
Where: Coker Road Ilupeju  
If found: Please contact Ilupeju Police Station. Or  
7744202; 08023114981

One Toyota Corrola S car with reg. no BK 983 AKD,  
Colour grey, if found contract one Felix Epebium 'M'  
of no 10, 4<sup>th</sup> insurance broker, Abayode Cole, Victoria  
Island or Ikorodu Police Station.

One Opel Kadet S/car with reg no EA 456 Eky, colour,  
Ash if seen, contact one Dare Ogunniyi 'M' of plot B  
block 102 GRA 11, Ikorodu or nearest Police Station.

Brand- Honda 1-v Tec 99 model Chasis no,  
IHGCG564XXA077750  
Colour-Ash

Engine- F23A12062812

Plate no- CV227ABJ

Snatched at gun point at Ajao Estate along Osolo  
way on May 26, 2007.

If found contact Mr. Anyanwu Primius Emeka  
08033161741



Mr. Israel Ajao AIG, Zone two, Lagos