

## Five policemen arrested over murder in Lagos

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FIVE policemen attached to Isashi police station in Lagos are presently being detained at the homicide section of State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Yaba for allegedly killing a commercial motorcyclist at Iba New Site area of Lagos metropolis.

The policemen were alleged to have pushed the motorbike rider, simply identified as Efung, out of a moving police patrol van after seizing the deceased motorbike.

An eyewitness alleged that the policemen allegedly impounded the motorbike belonging to Efung along Iba area and insisted that the bike must be taken to their station.

It was also alleged that the policemen were angered at the insistence of the victim that he must know where they were taking his bike to.

"Mid way into the journey, one of the policeman, identified as Killer pushed the victim out of the police patrol van. The deceased fell hitting his head on the road and died immediately" the witness alleged.

The witness further said that motorbike riders in the area quickly mobilized themselves and gave the fleeing policemen a hot chase. Two of the policemen were arrested by the group while the other three took to their heels.

The commercial motorbike operators numbering over 20 stormed Isashi police station demanding that the other fleeing policemen be handed over to them.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Ngozi Braide, who confirmed the incident, said all the five policemen have since been arrested and handed over to the homicide section of SCID for investigations.