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Policeman kills driver over N50 in Niger

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A J5 bus driver was shot dead by a policeman over N50 at a checkpoint along Tegna-Lagos Road near Mashegu local government area of Niger state over the weekend.

The bus conductor also sustained a fracture from the shot which killed the driver in the Saturday incident.

Witnesses said the police sergeant

had demanded N100 but the driver, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, offered N50.

The policeman, whose name was given as Isah Mohammed, was said to have insisted on the balance of N50 but the deceased said he had nothing more to offer and walked towards his vehicle.

This was said to have angered the policeman who fired at the driver, killing him instantly.

The situation led to the barricade of the Tegna-Lagos road by other drivers for hours in protest.

According to the Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Bala Elkana, the said policeman has been placed on detention. He also said the Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Muazu Abubakar had ordered an investigation into the incident.