

Police: Stray bullet kills man in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Lagos

An alleged stray bullet from a officer's rifle has killed a Bet9ja agent, Abiodun Anuoluwapo, popularly called Pepe, while closing his shop in front of a popular hotel, First Point, at the Imala/Elega area of Abeokuta, Ogun State.

A witness alleged that the police officers came out from the hotel drunk before one of them misfired.

Another witness alleged that the officers were chasing a suspect when one of them accidentally killed Anuoluwa.

He further said, "The youths in the area tried to hold down the policemen and they ran back into First Point Hotel. They had to reinforce to get more policemen to come and rescue them before they were able to run away later around past 11pm. The incident happened around 8pm.

"As they were trying to disperse the youths, they kept shooting in the air. In fact, fear gripped everybody. More youths were also hit by guns but they survived it. One of the survivors' name is Hassan; he also has a shop nearby."

Police spokeswoman in the state, Omolola Odutola, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police (CP), Abiodun Alamutu, had ordered an investigation into the matter.

She said, "We have gotten the information that one Anu was a victim; it is not easy to say exactly what happened, but the CP is in touch with stakeholders. He has called everybody involved so that we can start investigating what happened. We are aware, we have been informed, but we are still deliberating on the matter."