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## Policeman kills poly student

*From Tunji Omofoye, Osogbo*

**L**ESS than 24 hours to the New Year, a trigger-happy policeman has shot and killed a student of the Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, Adewumi Adelowo.

It was learnt yesterday that the incident ignited a spontaneous reaction by indigenes of Ogi, a village on Ode-Omu-Gbongan road where the incident occurred, who mobilised and razed a police station in the community.

The killing of Adelowo was the fourth to occur within six weeks in the state.

The deceased was said to be ridding a motorcycle (Okada) to Osogbo, the Osun State capital to collect some money from one of his relatives when the incident happened.

Adelowo, a National Diploma student of the polytechnic, was killed by one of the four policemen at a checkpoint where he allegedly refused to part with N20 gratification.

A police corporal at the checkpoint, Muhammed Ismaila, was said to have fired a shot in anger, which immediately snuffed life out of Adelowo. He and his other colleagues on duty were said to have taken to their heels.

The irate mob in the community, who felt bad about the incident reportedly set ablaze the two motorcycles, the police van and the police post in the village.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. John Moronike, confirmed the incident, saying that the state command has commenced investigation into the matter.

Moronike said that the policeman who allegedly killed Adelowo would be tried and eventually dismissed from service if found guilty.

He, however, frowned on the burning of the police station, adding that those who committed the act would be made to face the wrath of the law.

A member of the House of Assembly, Femi Farounbi, who is representing Ayedaade State constituency, who visited the scene, condemned the killing.

He called on the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to call his men to order as the killing is becoming too rampant in the state.

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