

# One killed In Police Accidental Discharge

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Trouble erupted at Alaba International Market, Ojo, Lagos on Friday when a policeman mistakenly shot dead a vehicle driver during a hot argument with his colleague.

The incident occurred in the early hours of the day.

Eyewitnesses told *Saturday Independent* that an armed mobile policeman had a disagreement with another policeman (a regular cop), and the disagreement degenerated into a threat by the former who threatened to shoot the latter.

It was gathered that the regular cop verbally fought back by

calling the bluff of the armed mobile policeman, saying the latter had no reason to shoot him since he was not an armed robbery suspect.

The counter attack from the regular policeman was said to have irked the mobile policeman, who wanted to cock his gun but accidentally discharged gunshots which hit a man who was driving a Nissan Quest Space bus.

He died on the spot. However, the early morning murder, it was learnt, sparked off protest from traders who were just resuming for business. They threatened to avenge the killing of the bus driver.

Within a twinkling of an eye, it

was said that the traders had formed themselves into a mob, taking laws into their hands.

The mob allegedly disarmed the mobile policeman and beat him to a pulp before he was rescued by the timely arrival of anti-riot policemen quickly drafted to the scene to douse tension.

*Saturday Independent* reliably gathered that the mob made bonfire along the Badagry / Lagos Expressway, thus blocking vehicular movement.

Traders at the popular market, however, closed shops for the day in honour of the deceased.

Meanwhile, peace has returned to the affected area following the drafting of armed policemen to the place.