

# Pregnant Woman Killed By Police Stray Bullet

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Stray bullet from one of the policemen manning a bullion van belonging to one of the Lagos-based commercial banks, hit and killed a pregnant woman on Monday.

The incident happened at about 9.00 a.m., at the ever-busy Abule Egba bus stop.

The woman, a mother of two, was killed instantly as she was standing in front of Conoil filling station over-looking New Oko-Oba road.

A security guard at the popular fast food joint within the fuel station told *Daily Independent* that the woman is a known face in the area, as her husband owns a clinic in one of the plazas near the petrol station.

He stated that the bullion van

was on top speed with its siren blaring, when policemen in the back-up vehicle fired shots into the air, perhaps to ensure easy passage for their vehicle, "it was one of the bullets that hit the woman who was just passing through the filling station to her office", he said.

Investigation by *Daily Independent* revealed that though members of the public tried to call the attention of the bullion van driver to the fate of the woman, he ignored their shouts.

A traffic policeman attached to New Oko-Oba Police Station, who spoke in anonymity, confirmed that the bullet from one of the bullion van's police escort killed the woman.

It was also learnt that the van was conveying cash to the nearest branch of one of the old generation bank's branch located just a few metres from the Conoil filling station.