

Armed Robbers Shoot Okada Rider Dead

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Two armed robbers on motorcycle, popularly known as okada in the local parlance have shot a commercial motorcycle operator dead in Ajegunle area of Lagos State, yesterday. LEADERSHIP Friday gathered that the robbers snatched a woman's handbag in the morning, around Suru area of Ajeromi-Ifelodun local government, under Layeni Station, and were escaping with the loot, using their motorcycle when the commercial motorcycle operator followed them on top speed. The robbers were said to have sensed that the man was following them behind and decided to slow down for him to move closer. At Ago- Hausa Street, the robber on the passenger seat allegedly brought out a gun and shot him in the stomach and he fell. A patriotic Nigerian was said to have alerted the divisional police officer of Ajegunle police station, CSP Aminu Gusau, who was delivering a lecture at the station. Gusau was said to have suspended the lecture immediately and swiftly led some of the policemen to the scene. The 'okada' riders were said to have gathered and blocked the road for the police not to pass.

Gusau and his team forced their way and swiftly rushed the victim to Ajeromi General Hospital in the area. The riders were said to have besieged the hospital, making noise as they shouted at the police, calling them provocative names. Two of the riders, who identified themselves as Mohammed Ibrahim and Okechukwu Obi told LEADERSHIP Friday that the victim died in the hospital. They said the brave rider wanted to waylay the robbers so that they would not escape but unknown to him they had already sighted him following them behind.

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