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There was a protest by members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Enugu yesterday, following the reported killing of one of their members by a policeman.

Sources said a secondary school pupil was also killed by stray bullets.

According to the source, the policeman was offered N20 bribe by the driver of a mini bus at a checkpoint but the officer insisted on N40.

The driver refused and as he was driving away, the policeman shot him. A school girl was also hit by stray bullets.

Irrked by the incident, NURTW members and parents mobilised to protest the killings.

Police spokesman Ebere Amaraizu could not be reached for comments.

Also in Onitsha, Anambra State, a taxi driver was also killed over N20. The incident occurred on top of the bridge at the Upper Iweka area of the Enugu-Onitsha Road.

The source said the taxi driver was descending from the bridge, when he ran into the road block, adding that when the driver refused to bribe the policeman with N20, the officer was infuriated.

He asked for the driver's licence and as the driver made to park properly, the policeman shot him, thinking he was escaping. The driver died instantly.

Infuriated, other commercial drivers blocked the bridge and went after the policemen, who shot sporadically into the air to escape.

It took the intervention of the Onitsha Police Area Commander, Mr. John Nwele, to calm the protesters.

Police spokesman Emeka Chukwuemeka confirmed the incident. He said the officer has been arrested and detained, adding that after investigation he would be charged to court.

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