

## Four shot dead over politician's N50,000 gift

Four persons were reportedly shot dead when hoodlums clashed over a N50,000 cash gift by a politician in Mosafejo, Amukoko in Lagos, at the weekend.

Those injured are in hospital.

The politician was said to have given the money in appreciation of his constituents' support.

The trouble started when the hoodlums disagreed over how to share the cash.

A group threatened to cause trouble when those with the money insisted on taking a larger share.

It was gathered that a similar incident occurred last year when one person was killed over a N20,000 cash gift by the politician.

A resident, who pleaded for anonymity, said one of those killed was a member of the vigilant group simply identified as Omoba.

The source said Omoba, who resided at Opeleye Street, Ajegunle went to the scene to restore peace but was caught in the cross fire.

The hoodlums, it was learnt trailed another man to an Indian hemp joint on Ogungbe Street and also killed him, the other two were killed at Ajenifuja Street in Amukoko.

A resident, Tunde Saheed, advised the politician to look for other ways of rehabilitating the hoodlums and stop giving them money.

"If not for poverty, would they have descended so low?. If he really wants to assist them he should find other means. He should not allow his gesture to cause death in this community again because it is wrong", he said.

A source at Amukoko Police Station confirmed that the matter was being investigated.