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●Over N200 bribe

A policeman attached to the 'C' Division Lokoja, Kogi

State Command, has allegedly killed a scrap seller (scavenger), Haruna Moh'd, at Ganaja, over his refusal to part with the N200 he demanded.

The incident caused a gridlock at Ganaja junction, as over 40 scavengers blocked the road and made bon fires to protest.

It was learnt that the deceased was allegedly shot twice after an argument with the policeman.

Policemen, according to a witness, were on a routine visit to the under Meme bridge site where the scavengers gathered used items for sale to interested buyers, but were disappointed when the usual gratification of N200 given to them could not be made available by the scavengers.

It was gathered that efforts by the victim to make the police understand fell on deaf ears, and a heated argument ensued, which allegedly led to the killing of the scavenger, who was said to hail from the Northern.

One of his colleagues, who spoke to reporters, said the police met them at the dump demanding to know the identity of the owner of a caravan, but when they were told the person who brought it was not around, the police asked him (the deceased) to part with some money.

He added that when he refused to give them the money, they attacked him and dragged him on the ground before one of them shot him in the head and he died immediately.

It, however, took the intervention of men of the SARS to disperse the protesting youths, who demanded justice.

Police spokesman Sola Collin Adebayo confirmed the incident. He said the officer had been arrested while investigation was ongoing.

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