

## CRIME &amp; OTHER STORIES

# Tragedy as hunter shoots colleague dead

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**T**RAGEDY struck in Olorunleke village near Atan, Ado Odo/Ota Local Government Area, Ogun State penultimate Sunday as a local hunter allegedly shot his colleague dead during a hunting expedition.

It was learnt that in the evening of the fateful day, the errant hunter, identified simply as Jamiu, had approached his late colleague, Bashiru Opee, and invited him for a hunting expedition in a nearby forest.

Forty-two-year-old Opee was allegedly clearing a bush path with a cutlass when Jamiu, who was holding his gun for him, “mistakenly” pulled the trigger and killed him.

The gunshot was said to have drawn the attention of villagers who immediately rushed to the scene. The villagers were said to have invited the police who arrested Jamiu.

It was learnt that Opee was found in a pool of blood while efforts made by the villagers to save his life did not yield fruit.

The deceased was buried the next day according to Islamic rites.

Although many of the villagers declined to speak to our correspondent during a visit to the community, a man who asked that his name should not be mentioned said: “Bashiru (Opee) used to be a land speculator until recently when he started going on hunting expedition without proper orientation or training.”

Confirming the incident, the spokesman of Ogun State Police Command, Mr Muyiwa Adejobi, said the Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Abdulmajid Ali, had ordered the transfer of the suspect to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigation.