

#EndSARS: Police killed my girlfriend, shot me in head, man tells panel

- How policemen shattered my leg, by hairdresser

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A thirty-year-old man, Emmanuel Ajomafuwe, on Friday pleaded with the Lagos State Panel on Restitution for Victims of SARS and Related Abuses to help him get justice for his girlfriend, Ada Ifeanyi, who, according to him, was shot dead by a policeman.

Another witness, Mrs. Hannah Olugbodi, narrated how her left leg was shattered by a stray bullet fired by officers of the disbanded Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) two years ago, while the widow of a Lagos State Traffic Management (LASTMA) officer, Rotimi Adeyemo, killed by a policemen at Iyana Ipaja two years ago asked for scholarships for her three children up to the university level.

Ajomafuwe told the panel, chaired by Justice Doris Okuwobi, that he was driving with his 20-year-old girlfriend, Ada, around 7am on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Apapa, Lagos when he

was accosted by a team of policemen who claimed that they flagged him down but he refused to stop.

Ajomafuwe said he told them he did not see them stopping him as it was raining.

He said the development led to an argument between them and the police.

He said: "Due to the argument between me and the police while I was still inside the car, I was shot on the head by Inspector Dania Ojo.

"Inspector Dania Ojo also shot my girlfriend on her leg and stomach.

"I was lucky to survive the life-threatening injury to my head but my girlfriend died," Ajomafuwe said.

The petitioner said while he was grateful to be alive, he had continued to suffer from psychological trauma from the incident.

He said he resorted to taking sleeping pills when he continued to find it difficult to sleep at night.

"I have had a brain scan at Reddington Hospital where I was admitted. I have done a check-up in Dubai due to my sleeplessness.

"My sanity has not been the same after the incident. Anytime I remember Ada, I feel very bad," Ajomafuwe said.

He said while six members of the police team involved in the incident were arrested at the time, Inspector Dania Ojo, who pulled the trigger on him and his girlfriend, escaped and the police had not given him any update on him.