

Lagos, on Sunday. Photo by Victor Olorunda

3 inspectors, 2 sergeants arrested for killing fun seeker at Lagos night club

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FIVE policemen, including three inspectors who invaded a nightclub in Oshodi area of Lagos State, last Friday, and killed a fun seeker have been arrested.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) in charge of Akinpelu police station, where the officers are serving, were also queried for lack of proper supervision.

The policemen reportedly invaded Crest Inn Club in Oshodi on Friday night and in an attempt to effect an arrest, shot dead a 27-year-old man, while two others sustained gunshots injuries.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, confirmed the arrest of the policemen in a statement made available to the *Nigerian Tribune*.

Elkana said that the policemen were already facing orderly room trial, while assuring that they would be made to face the full wrath of the law.

Eleven other fun seekers who reportedly took part in the confrontation that led to the abuse of firearms by the policemen have also been arrested.

Elkana said: "The Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has ordered the arrest and detention of police officers involved in the shooting incident.

"The police officers involved are Inspector Orubu Olusola, Inspector Apalowo Ola, Inspector Kasai Sule, Sergeant Momoh Ogwuche and Sergeant Adoga Collins, attached to Akinpelu Division.

"They are under the supervision of DSP Oloko Wale, who is the Divisional

Crime Officer and ASP Adamu Babajo, the Divisional Operations Officer."

The police spokesperson said the incident happened at about 8.30 p.m on Saturday and it resulted in the death of one Maliki Mohammed (27), while two other persons sustained injuries.

Elkana said the policemen, in their statement, said they were at the club following a complaint made by one Makinde Omowunmi Abibat at the Akinpelu police station that she was assaulted in the club.

"They said that while trying to effect an arrest, they were attacked by some hoodlums, which necessitated their use of firearms.

"This, however, fell short of the provision of Force Order 237, which defines the circumstances in which a police officer will be justi-

fied to use his firearms.

"The police officers involved are already facing internal disciplinary proceedings known as orderly room trial at the provost department of the command and if found guilty, they will be handed over to conventional court for prosecution."

The police spokesperson assured that members of the public would be updated on the outcome of the orderly room trial.

He said the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) and the Divisional Operations Officer were issued official queries for lack of supervision.

"The Commissioner of police has ordered a thorough investigation into the case, while empathising with the families of the deceased and the injured persons.