

Security guard shoots colleague in Lagos

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POLICEMEN in Lagos State are still interrogating a man who allegedly shot and killed one of his colleagues while on duty.

Both men were said to be security guards attached to a premises on Iju Road, Agege before the unfortunate incident happened on Friday.

No one has been able to explain the circumstances that led to the shooting, but the police said they were making a breakthrough in their investigation.

An eyewitness, who explained the incident to the police, said people in the neighbourhood just heard the booming sound of a gun and when they got to the scene, they discovered a corpse on the ground.

The deceased, whose name was given as Lekan Adenekan, was believed to have reported for duty like his colleague on the fateful day.

However, in a yet-to-be-determined circumstance, his colleague, identified as Johnson Dada, pulled the trigger and a bullet hit Adenekan.

The victim, according to the witness, screamed before he fell down and blood began to ooze from his body.

Our correspondent learnt that the man who fired the gun became helpless when he discovered that the bullet that escaped from his gun had hit his colleague.

An attempt was made to revive the victim by rushing him to a hospital but he died

a few minutes after he received the gunshot.

The incident was later reported at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, from where some policemen were sent to the scene.

The policemen removed the corpse and deposited it at a public mortuary just as they arrested the suspect and took him to the SCID.

Our correspondent gathered that the suspect was testing his gun when the unfortunate

incident happened.

But the spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a superintendent of police who confirmed the incident, said only investigation could reveal the real cause of the tragedy.

Ojajuni said the suspect had obliged the police with "useful information" about the incident. He added that other witnesses could be invited to confirm the facts already gathered by the police.

13 arraigned for violence in Osogbo

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THIRTEEN persons suspected to have master-minded political violence during and after the April 14, 2007 elections have been arraigned at an Osogbo Magistrate's Court.

One of the suspects, Gbadura Oladele (25), who was tried separately, pleaded not guilty to the charges of conspiracy and arson.

The 12 others, who were arraigned together, also pleaded not guilty to the charges, which alleged that they conducted themselves in a manner likely to cause breach of the peace in Ilesa.

Oladele was accused of conspiring with some others at large to set ablaze a building and three vehicles belonging to one Alhaji Agbaye Lamidi in Ilesa.

Defence counsel to

Oladele, Mr. Ajagbe Adetunji, applied for the bail of the accused, urging the court to exercise its discretion in determining the application.

The magistrate, Mr. Jide Falola, noted that the allegations brought against the suspect were serious. He advised the counsel to file an application for the bail of the suspect.

He adjourned the conspiracy and arson case to May 14, 2007 for hearing and ordered the suspect to be remanded in prison custody.

The 12 suspects accused of a breach of public peace were granted bail by the magistrate, who adjourned the case to May 5, 2007 for hearing.

Falola granted the suspects bail in the sum of N100, 000 and one surety each.

Each of the sureties, according to the magistrate, must own a land in Osogbo.