

Policeman dismissed, arraigned for killing man in Lagos

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THE Lagos State Police Command on Tuesday dismissed a corporal, Segun Agbeyomi, attached to Pedro Police Station for allegedly killing an 18-year-old man.

He was subsequently dragged before an Ebute-Meta Magistrate's Court (Court 12), Botanical Garden, on a one-count charge of murder. He has since been remanded in prison custody.

Agbeyomi was said to be a member of a five-man police team deployed on foot patrol along Access Road, Pedro, Lagos on Monday evening.

He was said to have allegedly opened fire on a Toyota Hiace bus marked XX 327 AKD at about 9pm, killing one of the two occupants identified as Ibura Okoma.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Frank Mba, told journalists on Tuesday that preliminary investigation conducted by the police showed that the shooting and eventual killing of the deceased was unprovoked and clearly unjustifiable under police rules of engagement as provided in Force Order 237.

Mba, a superintendent of police, said the suspect was arrested, tried in Police Orderly

Room and dismissed in accordance with police regulations.

He said that while approving the dismissal, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, also ordered the suspect's prosecution for murder in a competent court.

When arraigned on Tuesday, the magistrate, Mrs. K.O. Doja Ojo, remanded the suspect in prison.

Shortly after the court proceeding, Agbeyomi told journalists that he shot the bus twice when the driver refused to stop for routine check.

He said, "The bus was in a high speed. I stopped the driver and he refused to stop. When I discovered that there was a mild traffic gridlock shortly after the check point, I ran after the bus.

"I first shot at the tyre. When the bus stopped, I went to the front. I have forgotten that I have not uncorked the gun. That was how I shot the guy on the head."

"We tried to carry him and rush him to a hospital but eyewitnesses had started mobilising to attack us. So we ran away from the scene."

The police spokesman said that the command found it contradictory that those (policemen) paid to secure lives and property were the same people killing those they were paid to protect.

"I wish to re-assure Lagosians that the command will do everything within its powers to ensure that not only is justice done, but that justice is indeed seen to have been done," Mba added.

Barber stabs customer to death

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A 20-year-old barber identified as Adesina is now in the custody of the Akinpelu Police Station, Oshodi, Lagos, for allegedly killing one of his customers identified as Kayode Adeogun.

Adeogun, a 23-year-old graduate of the Lagos State Polytechnic, was said to have visited Adesina's salon located on Mushin-Oshodi Road on Sunday when the incident occurred.

Eyewitnesses said that Adeogun placed his mobile telephone handset on a table inside the salon while he helped Adesina put on his generating set.

Trouble reportedly started when the deceased could not find his handset where he had earlier placed it.

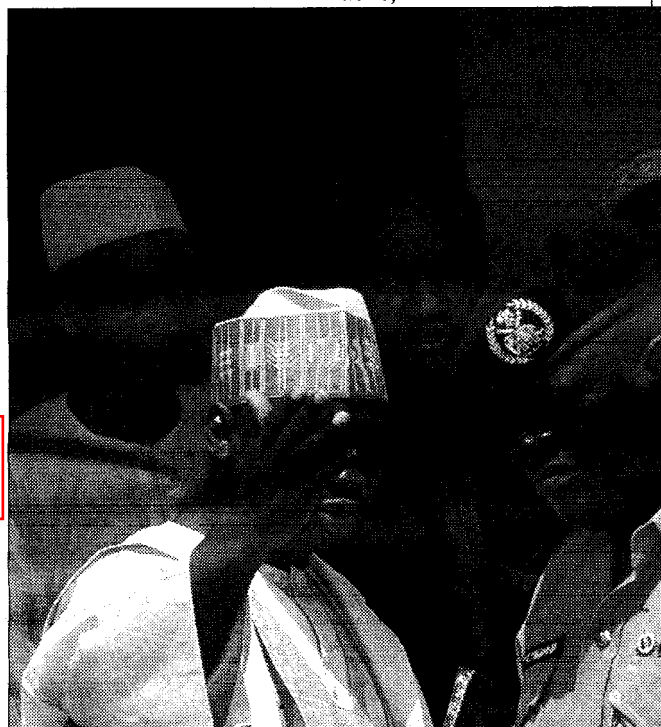
He was said to have called the attention of the barber who was nonchalant to his plight.

It was at that point that Adeogun, out of annoyance, put off the generating set.

It was during the ensuring disagreement that Adesina reportedly stabbed Adeogun with a broken bottle on the left side of his chest.

The suspect confirmed to journalists on Tuesday that he committed the crime.

The spokesman of the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, said that the case would soon be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba, for further investigation.



•L-R: Acting Commissioner for Health, Kaduna State, L. Tambari Muhammed; and Permanent Secretary, Establishment, Kaduna State, L. Yusuf Dantsofo General Hospital in Kaduna.

Two killed, three arrested over attempted theft of mast generator

Ademola Oni, Abeokuta

THE Ogun State Police Command on Tuesday killed two members of a seven-man robbery gang along Ajebo Road, Abeokuta, foiling their attempt to steal a power generating set of a GSM company, used to generate power for a telecommunications mast.

While one was killed during a gun duel with the police, another member of the gang died during the parade of 24 robbery suspects by the command in Abeokuta on Tuesday.

Parading the suspects and the dead, the Commissioner of Police state, Mr. Musa Daura, said police responded to a distress call from some villagers, who informed the police that unknown men had invaded the village to forcefully remove the generating set.

It was learnt that on sighting the policemen, the suspected robbers opened fire.

One of them, Daura said, was killed, another was badly wounded, three were arrested

while the police were on the trail of the two that escaped into the bush.

The police commissioner also paraded a suspected robber and rapist, Segun Adesanya, who allegedly raped a pastor's wife after robbing the husband of N150,000 in Ibafo.

The police boss explained that Adesanya was exposed by his underwear, which he forgot at the robbery scene, where he had allegedly raped the pastor's wife.

Daura said, "The suspect gained entrance into the pastor's house through the ceiling with a cutlass, ransacked every room and robbed the complainant (pastor) of N150,000, one laptop, three handsets and a school bag.

"During the operation, the suspect raped the complainant's wife (name withheld), before he escaped. The suspect forgot his green armless underwear which he wore during the robbery and through the underwear and the description of the suspect, he was arrested by the police."