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Mob attack police station over killing of NPA worker

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A **mob** protesting against the death of a **worker** with the Nigeria Ports Authority on Sunday set two **police** vehicles ablaze and vandalised the Onireke **Police** Division along Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

The **NPA worker**, identified simply as Daniel, was allegedly shot by a policeman attached to the division. It was learnt that the policeman had wanted to shoot the driver of a commercial bus, who had refused to hand **over** N50 to the law enforcement agent before the bullet hit Daniel.

Witnesses said Daniel was in the commercial bus heading towards Mile Two, when they were stopped by policemen at a checkpoint in front of the **police station**.

It was learnt that one of the policemen demanded N50 from the conductor; but rather than handing **over** the money, the bus driver zoomed off. Another policeman subsequently shot at the driver, but the bullet hit Daniel, who was seated at the edge of the first row, in the chest **killing** him on the spot.

The incident caused an outrage in the area as angry residents took to the street and chased the policemen, who fled the scene after the incident. The **mob** later descended on two **police** patrol vehicles parked in the front of the

station and set them ablaze.

Not satisfied with their vengeance, they vandalised the **station** and set detained suspects free.

It was learnt that the **mob** were on the verge of setting the **station** ablaze when a reinforcement came from nearby divisions and the Area Command. With the help of the reinforcement, the policemen were able to disperse the crowd.

It was also learnt that another **mob** grabbed one of the policemen, who was in the **station**. But soldiers from Ojo Barracks saved him from being lynched.

Spokesman of the state **Police** Command, Mr. Joseph Jaiyeoba, said the death was caused by an accidental discharge from one of the policemen on stop and search duty.

He said, "The case is accidental discharge. On Sunday at about 9am, along Badagry Expressway. One FNO 35800 Shitu Kazim, attached to Onireke Division accidentally shot to death one Daniel working in **NPA** inside a commercial vehicle.

"The policeman is among the crew of stop and search. The corpse has been taken to the mortuary. However, hoodlums used advantage of the incident to **attack** the **station**. One patrol vehicle was damaged while another one was burnt. They also vandalised the **station**.

"The errant policeman has been arrested and transferred to the State Criminal Investigations Department. Investigation is ongoing."

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