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## NSCDC officer kills mother of four

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A yet-to-be-identified official of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps attached to the Lagos State Command has been accused of shooting a woman to death in Saponkoji Village, an Island near Ogogoro Village in the Apapa area of the state.

Residents told *PUNCH Metro* that the NSCDC had raided the village last Friday while attempting to arrest some pipeline vandals.

It was learnt that the area, which is notorious for pipeline vandalism, had attracted the attention of civil defence men who were said to be acting on a tip-off that pipeline vandals were loading products into boats.

When the NSCDC men arrived at the scene, residents were said to have scampered for safety.

It was learnt that the deceased, Angelina Dansu, was in her shop where she sold kerosene when the officials came.

An eyewitness, Bose, said the officials entered her shop on Wednesday and attempted to forcefully carry away Dansu's kerosene.

She was, however, said to have struggled in vain to stop them.

She said, "Those NSCDC men behaved as if they were drunk. When they came in, they started shooting sporadically, so we all ran inside. However, I was peeping through my window.

"They beat up Angelina and when they pointed their guns at her, she began to run from the scene even though she was almost nude.

"One of the officials opened fire on Angelina and the bullet hit her in the thigh.

"We remained inside our rooms for about an hour because we were also afraid of being shot.

"The NSCDC men eventually left the area when they saw that Angelina did not rise from the ground.

"When we came out, we found the victim in a pool of blood. She was dead."

The deceased's husband, Paul, who spoke to *PUNCH Metro* amid tears, said he was not at home when the incident occurred.

He said, "My wife bought the kerosene with her money and was retailing the product and they came to seize it. They killed the mother of my children and left me to carry all the responsibilities."

The Public Relations Officer, NSCDC, Lagos State Command, Chibuzor Mefor, could not be reached on the telephone as it indicated that it was switched off.

However, an NSCDC official, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the incident, adding that the command was having talks with the family

Lagos State Police Command's spokesperson, Ngozi Braide, could not be reached for comment.

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