

Three arrested as hunter shoots 14-year-old girl dead

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The Lagos State Police Command has arrested three yet-to-be-identified suspects as a drunken hunter allegedly shot dead a 14-year-old girl.

A resident James Isal who spoke with *PUNCH Metro* on Wednesday, said the incident happened on Tuesday night.

Idowu Omohunwa

Details leading to the unfortunate incident were still sketchy as of press time, but our correspondent learnt that the yet-to-be-identified girl was shot dead by the hunter who was on a bike in the Ayinla Akera area of Orile Agege, Lagos.

A video of the scene obtained by *PUNCH Metro* showed the girl in a pool of blood as residents wailed.

Some voices in the background alleged that the act was carried out by the policemen from the Elere Police Station in the area.

“Policemen from Elere; they have killed somebody,” a voice was heard saying in the video.

“If this turns to war, they will run,” another person said.

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“She was sent on an errand and she was killed,” a voice in the video added.

But the Divisional Police Officer of Elere Station, Amodu Jimoh, when contacted on Wednesday, dismissed the report linking policemen to the incident.

But confirming the incident, the DPO said, “On Tuesday night, our men were patrolling. The policemen saw some people crowded on the street there. They tried to find out what was happening. They were told somebody shot at a small girl.

“They saw the corpse on the ground. It was a 14-year-old girl. They asked for the person that shot her. They were told it was a hunter carrying a Dane gun. He was drunk. There is a woman selling alcoholic drink beside the place.

“Maybe he was about to remove something and the gun fired. He came with a bike and it was likely an accidental discharge.”

The DPO said the corpse was taken to a nearby hospital, adding that the police traced the woman who runs the shop where the man went to drink.