

# Ekiti cop arrested as accidental discharge kills woman

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A policeman whose identity was yet to be revealed has been arrested and detained after an accidentally discharged bullet from his gun hit and killed a young woman identified as Ifeoluwa Adekalu, in Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State.

The policeman's gun was said to have discharged a bullet at Okela Police Station in Ado Ekiti, killing the woman in front of a shop opposite the station on Thursday.

A source told *Saturday PUNCH* that the police officer involved was on a visit to the station when the incident happened.

“He was said to have released the bullets while in a joyous mood over the news of promotion of one of his colleagues.

Commissioner of Police, Ekiti State, Mr. Adeniran Akinwale



“The victim was passing by when the bullet hit her in front of a shop opposite the police station. She was said to be returning from where she went to pay her accommodation rent,” said the source.

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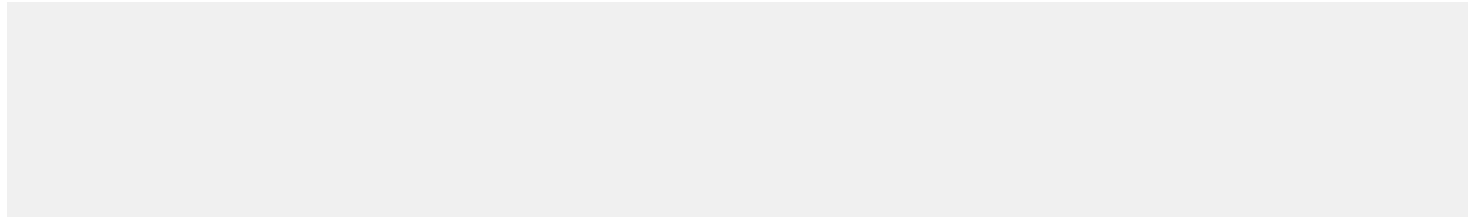
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But another source said the woman was approaching the station after alighting from a commercial motorbike when the incident happened.

“I do not know her mission, but she was going to the police station when the bullet hit her,” she said.



According to the sources, the woman was rushed to a nearby hospital immediately to save her life, but she later gave up the ghost.

When contacted, the state Police Commissioner, Adewale Adeniran, confirmed the incident, saying, “The officer in question has been disarmed and detained. The officer will face interrogations in line with Nigerian Police Act,” the AIG said.

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