

# Victim's Mother Cries For Justice

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**F**ollowing the death yesterday of a young man, Muritala

Omoni, and the chaos that afterwards engulfed Igando area of Lagos, a team of doctors are battling to save the life of a policeman who was also shot and seriously wounded in the head during the mayhem.

P.M. News checks revealed that around 10.30 a.m. yesterday, near a Conoil Filling Station at Igando, four motorcycle riders with two men on each 'okada' were halted for a routine stop-and-search by a Police Corporal Charles, attached to Igando Police Station,

following earlier information to the Divisional Police Officer, CSP Ambrose Ogheide that some hoodlums were making efforts to burn down the police station.

When these men on *okada* were searched, dangerous weapons which included three guns, machetes and charms were allegedly found on them. This resulted in an argument, during which they made an attempt to disarm Corporal Charles.

He resisted and was mercilessly hacked with cutlasses. In a bid to escape, the injured policeman reportedly fired into the air and a stray bullet hit 27-year old Muritala Omoni. He died immediately.

This led to a mayhem as a large number of miscreants (*area boys*) and *okada* riders engaged the policemen in an exchange of fire. Passers-by and residents scampered for safety. This reporter narrowly escaped being killed by gunshots fired by the hoodlums. He was saved by the Area 'G' Commander, ACP Mobolaji Odesanya, CSP Ambrose Ogheide (DPO Igando) and CSP Abdullahi, Basiru (DPO Idimu).

Meanwhile, the mother of the deceased, Mrs. Amudat Omoni, 50, who resides at 2, Oriyomi street, off Mosalasi, Egan, stripped naked and cried for justice over the death of her



*•Mother of the deceased, Mrs. Amudat Omoni weeping on the street yesterday.*

27-year old son, whom she described as her first born.

"They have killed my joy, the breadwinner of the entire family. Who will take care of his pregnant wife now?"

"The police should do whatever they want to do with his corpse. We are rejecting it. All I know is that my son was not a robber. Until his untimely death, he traded in iron rod at Owode Onirin," the bereaved woman lamented.

The traditional ruler of Igando, Oba Yaya Adisa Olorunfemi condemned the activities of the commercial motorcycle riders in town, saying most of them are armed robbers. "They engaged the policemen in a gun battle because they (police) prevented them from perfecting their evil activities," the Oba said.

Meanwhile, over 30 people have been arrested by the police.

