

# Police Kill Mechanic

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Three auto mechanics were last night shot by policemen from Sabo Police Station, Yaba resulting in the death of one while two others are in critical condition at the Lagos General Hospital.

The incident occurred at about 10.30pm at 30, Petgrave Street, Olonade Street, Alagomeji, Yaba, Lagos.

It was gathered that the three mechanics were sleeping in one of the cars belonging to their customer, to prevent the vehicle from being stolen, when the policemen allegedly broke the windscreen of the car and opened fire on them without provocation.

According to Bolaji Onigbanjo, a resident of the area, the mechanics were well known. He confirmed that they

usually slept inside their customers' cars to prevent the vehicles being stolen.

He said the policemen were on their normal routine of arresting innocent people in the vicinity to extort money from them.

After shooting the mechanic, it was alleged that the policemen released all other persons they had arrested to ensure that nobody was with them to testify against them. They then took only the shot mechanics to their station.

It was also alleged that the policemen who carried out the shooting were drunk. A mechanic in the area simply called Lekan also testified that his colleagues were no criminals.

When contacted on phone, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Lagos State Police Command, DSP Frank Mba, neither denied nor confirmed the incident. He requested our reporter to come over to his office.

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