

# Cop, Taxi Driver Killed In Gun Battle With Robbers

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**A police Inspector attached to Sabo Divisional Headquarters and a taxi driver have been shot dead during a gun duel between policemen and armed robbers.**

The deceased taxi driver was identified as Saheed Sonibare, 27, and until his tragic death reside with his parents at 28, Shiro Street, Fadeyi, Lagos.

P.M.NEWS investigation revealed that on Saturday at 1.55 a.m. armed robbers struck on Ikorodu Road near Oando filling station, Fadeyi, shooting sporadically. Policemen on patrol responded and in the process a police Inspector, whose identity could not be ascertained, was killed instantly.

Not too long after the shooting, a taxi driver who was driving home in his cab from Chisco Taxi park at Fadeyi, was hit by stray bullets fired by police-

men at the scene. And he later died.

According to the deceased's father's younger brother, Alhaji Onikoyi, "who are we to query Allah? We learnt from taxi drivers that when he was driving home he was shot, and that he still managed to drive back to the park to explain what happened to him. He was bleeding profusely.

"At the park, taxi drivers took him to Alakara Police Station to obtain police report to enable him get treated. But on getting to LUTH they were told that the doctors were on strike. It was on their way to another hospital that he died."

"He has been buried in Ikorodu according to Muslim rites.

Onikoyi added: "What pains us most is that we have lost a promising, trustworthy child, who was always willing to give out his last kobo on him. He celebrated his birthday recently. His his father is a pensioner."

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