

Wife Seeks Justice Over Murdered Driver

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Wife of late commuter bus driver killed last Friday at Fadeyi, Mrs. Ndidi Uzoma, has accused the police of wasting the life of her husband, Mr. Anayo Uzoma, and is asking the authorities to bring the culprit to book.

The late Anayo, 35 was allegedly shot dead in the morning on Ereko Street, off Ayonuga Street, Fadeyi, Lagos, Southwest Nigeria by one of the mobile policemen deployed to the crisis-ridden Fadeyi area of Lagos.

P.M. NEWS gathered that the deceased was hit by a stray bullet in the neck following sporadic shootings by the policemen and he died on the spot.

His corpse was first taken to the Alakara Police Division, Mushin and was later moved to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, LUTH, Idi-Araba, Lagos.

Narrating how she learnt of her husband's death, Uzoma, an indigene of Imo State said: "This morning, my husband told me to put water in the bathroom for him so that he can take his bath because he was going out.

"Thereafter, he gave me N800 to prepare beans and promised the children to return home on time because he usually comes back late at night. After he left, he came back to pick the key for the fuel tank and left again.

"Immediately he left, I heard a gunshot. I quickly ran inside the room to pick my phone and called his number but it did not go through. I ran outside and

I saw a large crowd. I asked them what happened and they told me that the mobile policemen in the area have shot somebody.

"I started suspecting that something evil must have happened to my husband because his phone was not going through.

"I later got to know that it was my husband that was shot by the mobile policemen.

"I am not happy about my husband's death because I am a mother of three, a full

time housewife. I don't know how I am going to train my children now that my husband is dead. My husband was the bread winner of the family. I want justice," she sobbed.

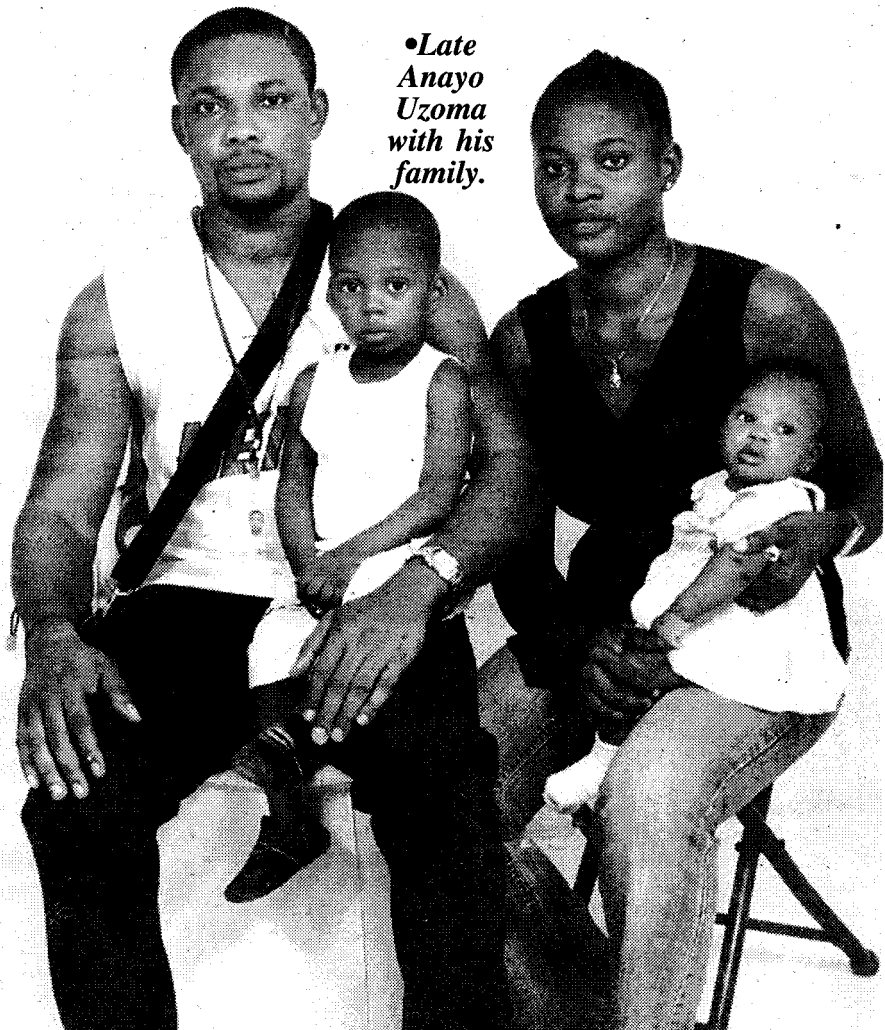
Sister of the deceased, Nkirika Uzoma, lamented her brother's death and called on the government to punish the person responsible for it.

"Justice must be done in this case. I heard that my brother was shot dead by a policeman. That was all I

heard," he stated.

The deceased's brother, Michael, described his brother's death as a "terrible case." "We want justice to be done because he was a family man with three children and he was also the breadwinner. His wife is not working," he explained.

Also commenting on the death of the commuter bus driver, the owner of the bus, Mr. Abada Goodluck, described him as a gentle, humble and honest individual.



•Late Anayo Uzoma with his family.