

Hunter in Police net for alleged murder of driver

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EKITI State Police Command has arrested a hunter in connection with the Wednesday robbery incident in Aramoko area of the state during which a commercial driver, Femi Philips was killed.

Philips, who was killed by suspected robbers along Aramoko-Igede road in the early hours of the day was until his death a driver with Ade Transport, owned by the slain chairman of the state National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) who was assassinated by gunmen in September, 2014.

The late driver was shot at close range on the chest, while on slow speed, forcing the bus he was driving to swerve into the bush with many occupants sustaining severe bodily injuries.

Thereafter, NURTW members, who alleged police complicity in the incident pounced on the Divisional Police Officer in Ekiti West Local Government, Mr. Anthony Okpaleke and tore his uniform to shreds. The drivers were angry that the police could not come to the rescue of their late member, particularly when the robbery occurred few metres to a police check point.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports indicated yesterday that another commercial vehicle conveying over 14 commuters was robbed at the hot spot.