Trigger-happy cop shoots woman frying 'akara'

By Christopher Oji

A policeman, simply identified as Prince, yesterday shot dead a 51-year-old woman, while allegedly chasing some criminals in the Railway area of Mushin, Lagos State. Another person sustained wounds from the gunshot.

The victim, identified as Kudirat Adebayo, popularly known as Mama Shaki, died on the spot as a result of the bullet wounds she sustained to the head.

The deceased, according to witnesses, was a petty trader who fried bean cake, popularly known as akara, in the area.

Another victim, a commercial motorcycle rider, sustained wounds after also being hit by a stray bullet.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer Olarinde Famous-Cole, said the incident occurred during a mob attack on some policemen in the area.

Eyewitnesses, however, alleged that the officers attached to Olosan Division, Mushin, were out to raid some fraudsters, who had allegedly swindled a victim.

Cole, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, said the policemen accused of killing the woman were in police custody.

He said the command was already investigating the matter