

# Police deny killing okada rider in Okota, Lagos

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**There were fear and apprehension today in Lagos that a commercial motorcycle operator was shot dead in Ago Palace way, Okota.**

The news had gone viral on the social media, but in a swift reaction, the Lagos State Police Commissioner Zubairu Muazu, has debunked the rumours saying that the motorcycle operator was killed by a hit and run motorist.

CP Muazu who spoke through the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Bala Elkana in a statement said : “The attention of Lagos State police command has been drawn to a video circulating on the social media in

respect of an *okada* rider said to have been chased to his death by a police officer. The allegation is false and a complete misrepresentation of the facts. The fact is that on May 8, at about 6.05am the police at Ago Okota police station heard a loud sound few meters away from the station and rushed out to ascertain what was going on.

“They found a motorcyclist lying down in the pool of his own blood with his motorcycle on the ground. The victim was taken to the hospital but he eventually died. On inquiries from witnesses around the scene, it was gathered that the motorcyclist was involved in a fatal accident with a vehicle along Ago Palace way.

An witness , Mr Adedayo Benson, stated that he was standing in front of Century Hotel and saw the *okada* man who was riding on a high speed; he ran into a road bump/speed breaker and suddenly applied his break but was hit by a Toyota Camry car whose driver was driving from behind. The driver of the Camry ran before the arrival of the police investigation team could apprehend him with a view to bringing him to justice.”

A video of the accident scene has been trending in the social media. The poster had alleged that the victim was chased into a moving vehicle by the police.

There has been public outcry over the incessant killing by the police; but the police have advised members of the public to verify their reports before publication so as not to misinform others.