

Policeman kills bus driver over N20 bribe

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OWERRI—A commercial bus driver was feared dead, following an alleged gunshot wound he received from a policeman in Imo State Police Command at Ohii Junction, along the ever busy Owerri-Orlu federal highway.

The driver's alleged offence was his failure or unwillingness to pay the mandatory but illegal N20 toll at the roadblock mounted by the police team at Ohii Junction.

An eyewitness who spoke on strict grounds of anonymity, revealed that trouble started brewing when the bus driver, who had parted with varying sums of money at the "over 15 police

toll gates along the road", refused to be swindled again at this point.

"The commercial bus driver who was apparently irked by the amount of money he was forced to give out at all the police roadblocks felt that enough was enough. One of the policemen at the roadblock forced the driver to stop and demanded the mandatory "roger", the woman recounted.

According to her, serious arguments ensued and not long after, news went round that the driver had been shot by the policeman and before long, road users, sympathizers and all the drivers plying the route stopped at the point to render assistance to their dying colleague.

Vanguard also gathered that the obviously incensed crowd immediately went after the policemen, who ran into the nearby bush, leaving the brand new patrol van donated to the state police command by Imo State government.

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