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Murder at noon

...Lagos police on the trail of gunman who killed a bizman

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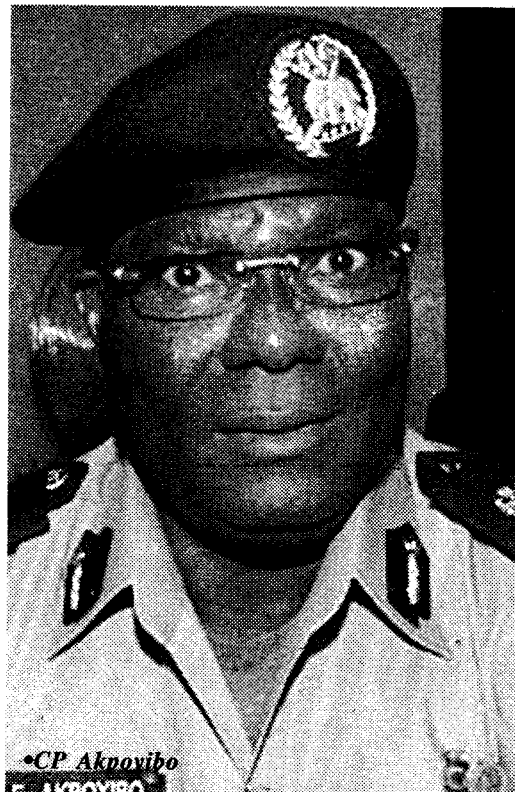
LAGOS State Police Commissioner, Mr Marvel Akpoyibo, has directed that a discreet investigation be carried out on the murder of a businessman by a gun man last week at the Alaba International market, along Badagry expressway.

He has directed the immediate transfer of the case from Ojo police division to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti Yaba.

The deceased identified as Ibrahim Mustapha, who shuttled between Kwara and Lagos states, was said to have been shot dead in the full glare of helpless traders and passers-by who were gripped with trepidation, at about 3pm, Tuesday last week.

The late Ibrahim, as gathered, had gone to withdraw the sum of N300,000 from one of the new generation banks in Satellite area, from where he made for the market to purchase some chandelier light. His assailant who apparently trailed him from the bank to the front of an electronic shop, announced his presence as unsuspecting Ibrahim made to open the boot of his car to collect the withdrawn money.

Eye witnesses said the gunman approached him and instructed that he surrender the withdrawn money, only for Ibrahim to have



•CP Akpoyibo



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asked the intruder what he meant. And in response, the gun man reportedly fired some shots into the air before aiming a shot right in Ibrahim's chest, thereby snuffing life out of him.

Eyewitnesses said he thereafter fired another round of shots into the air as he made away with the money. The gun shots disrupted business transactions at the popular market, as traders and

customers fled for safety.

The body of the late Ibrahim who hailed from Kwara state and lived at Shalom Estate in Satellite area, was reportedly deposited at the Nigerian Navy Hospital Mortuary before it was laid to Mother Earth the next day at the Vaults and Garden Cemetery, Ikoyi, with his widow, her three children and other sympathizers, crying uncontrollably.

Meanwhile, driver of the deceased is said to have been arrested by policemen from Ojo division. His arrest, according to the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Frank Mba, followed revelations by members of the late Ibrahim family that he (driver) was unknown to them.

The driver, as gathered, was invited over by the deceased, a day before the unfortunate incident, with a view to driving him to his home town for the

robbery suspect

Sporadic gun shots from fleeing robbers, last Tuesday, truncated the peace and tranquility hitherto experienced at Odozi street, opposite Texaco filling station, Ojodu Berger, Lagos, gripping the residents with trepidation. The robbers, numbering two, apparently trailed their victim to the spot, at about 4pm and in a commando-like manner, snatched his Honda accord saloon car with plate number ES 146 ABC, shooting indiscriminately as they fled the scene.

The gun shots were said to have attracted a police patrol team from Ojodu who gave the fleeing robbers a hot chase. The robbers, reportedly headed towards Ogba Road, shooting as they drove on, to ward off intruders. When they got to Isheri/Akiode bus-stop, the robbers reportedly engaged another team of Policemen in fierce a battle. During the exchange of fire, a member of the gang who was driving their vehicle reportedly sustained bullet wounds. Sensing danger, his partner in crime reportedly jumped out of the vehicle and escaped into the crowd. But the policemen, eye witnesses said, could not shoot, apparently to avoid firing at innocent persons who fled at different directions for safety. The injured suspect, according to the Command's spokesman, Mr Frank Mba, later gave up the ghost while his remains had been deposited at the mortuary.

Pathetic story of police officer wounded by armed robbers

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injection. If I stay up to 30 minutes without taking the injection, I will be reacting negatively just like you saw me did.

"The injection itself costs N3000 and I need one sachet per day. Because I must get it, I have sold most of my valuables. The last property I sold was my power generating set to get the injection. I have gone bankrupt and I am presently owing pharmacists. The least I am owing is N28,000. Most times, I buy the drugs on credit with a promise to pay at the end of the month but I end up accumulating more injections than my salary can afford. Because of this, I have withdrawn my four children from their private schools because I can no longer pay their fees. It was not until recently that I enrolled them in a public school where I still find it difficult to pay even their basic fees."

Association (PTA) levies."

In search of remedy to his present predicament, Inspector Ugwu, who currently serves at Shogunle Police Division, was referred to LUTH where he was assured of medical treatment that will address his addiction and also extract the remaining bullets on his waist. But he is currently faced with the challenge of footing the bill which runs to the tune of N2.5 Million.

In an apparent show of concern, the Lagos State Police Commissioner, Mr Marvel Akpoyibo, in one of the meetings with senior officers of the command, raised the pathetic issue of Inspector Ugwu and the sum of N1.2 million was raised for him.

Commending the CP for such magnanimous show of concern, the wounded police officer said, "the command under the leadership of CP Akpoyibo actually came to

my aid, by giving me the sum of N1.2 Million. Even when I was asked to bring my account number, I told them I had no money to even feed, let alone having an account. The CP gave me N20, 000 to open an account before giving me N1.2 Million. That leaves me with the urgent need for additional N1.3 million to go for the treatment. I am looking forward to a day I will be relieved of this burden and I am counting on the financial assistance of well meaning Nigerians. Please come to my aid," he appealed.

The Command's spokesman, Mr Frank Mba, who described the policeman's case as a pathetic one, said the command had done the little it can, adding however that response from well meaning members of the public would be a welcome development.

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Sallah celebration.

Mba stated that investigation by operatives at the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, would ascertain whether the driver knew anything about the murder of Ibrahim, adding also that the Police were on the trail of the fleeing gun man.

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