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# Policemen beat driver to death over bribe

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**L**AGOS—SOME po-  
licemen attached to  
Lagos State security out-  
fit, *Rapid Response  
Squad, RRS*, yesterday, in  
the Egbeda area of the  
state, reportedly beat a  
bus driver to death at an  
illegal checkpoint for re-  
fusing to bribe them.

According to sources,  
the driver identified as  
Taiwo Ogundipe, was ac-  
costed about 10p.m, in his  
bus, number-plate  
XB224FST, by the team  
with patrol van marked  
RRS274 at a bus-stop  
close to a popular eatery  
with a demand to part  
with an undisclosed  
amount.

Ogundipe, said to be an  
orphan from Osun State,  
was reported to have told  
the team, led by a Police  
Inspector that he had  
paid for the night as was  
the practice, but his en-  
treaty was ignored by the  
policemen who dragged  
his conductor down and  
threatened he would not  
go until he paid.

Irked by the uncomprom-  
ising attitude of the po-  
licemen, the driver at-  
tempted to leave the  
scene but he too was held  
down by one of the police-  
men for what they called  
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rior.' They allegedly de-  
scended on him beating  
him to a pulp.

An eyewitness told *Van-  
guard* that the rampaging  
policemen resumed beat-  
ing the driver until he  
passed out close to the  
eatery. Reports said the  
policemen immediately  
zoomed off in their van  
when it was apparent that  
the man might not survive  
the beating. The victim  
was later rushed to a  
nearby hospital, but was  
confirmed dead shortly  
after.

Contacted, the state Po-  
lice Public Relations Of-  
ficer, Ngozi Braide, said  
she had not been fully  
briefed on the matter.

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ment of any injuries sus-  
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cost and if they decide to  
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