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Policeman kills Customs officer in Lagos

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LAGOS — Port operations at the Tin-can Island Container Terminal (TICT) were, Thursday, halted for hours following the killing of a Customs officer by a mobile policeman.

The deceased Customs officer was assigned from the Federal Operations Unit (FOU) of the Nigeria Customs Service, NCS, to escort containers from the port.

The policeman, identified as Sergeant Peter Adegbesan, was said to have left his service riffle uncorked when it fell from his hand and started firing.

Adegbesan was said to have attempted to control the riffle. As he lifted it, the Customs officer, Assistant Inspector O. A. Oro was hit severally by bullets from the gun.

He was said to have died before he could be rushed to the hospital.

In reaction, the clearing agents who were at the scene of the incident descended on the police officer, but for the intervention of some dockworkers, the killer cop would have been beaten to death.

Confirming the incident, the Public Relations Officer of Tin-Can Island Command of the NCS, Chris Osunkwo, described the incident as unfornate, saying the policeman has been placed under protective custody at the Apapa Port police command.

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