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Fortunately, no life was lost in this case. But same could not be said in the case of 20-year-old Lucy Ukpog, a salesgirl who was reportedly hit in the chest by a bullet from a police corporal said to have gone to monitor a demolition exercise in Apo area, Abuja, on October 16, 2012, as she died right on the spot. The list is endless.

Turning against their own

Even fellow policemen are also not left out in this reign of unwarranted deaths, as some of them have fallen victims to their colleagues' negligence, either deliberately or otherwise.

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A case that vividly comes to mind was that of a police inspector, Madu Ugwu, attached to the Mobile Police Force 20 Unit. He reportedly

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shot himself dead while adjusting an AK 47 rifle, on August 25, 2015. The deceased, said to be the Second-in-Command at the MOPOL 20 Armourer, accidentally pulled the trigger of the rifle which resulted in the release of a bullet which shattered his jaw and a large portion of his head.

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Another case of accidental discharge which resulted in the death of a policeman also occurred two years ago in Ondo State, after a police inspector allegedly fired his senior colleague, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Kazeem Shehu. The incident, as gathered, occurred during a squabble at a drinking bar at Ejankole Street in Okerowo area of Ondo State.

These incidents have no doubt further confirmed the already betrayed trust and confidence members of the public reposed in the police. While several of the incidents, whether accidental discharge, negligent discharge or intentional release, were discovered to have been committed by policemen of the rank and file, surprisingly, some were committed by officers who were supposed to leading by example.