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Ooni's guard shot dead

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Osogbo—Suspected armed robbers, Monday night, killed Marcus Olatunji, an official of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, attached to the Ooni of Ife, Oba Enitan Ogunwusi.

A source close to the palace said the deceased, who was armed, was on his way to buy airtime at a nearby kiosk when he was shot dead by the robbers believed to be coming from an operation.

The source added that the hoodlums took away Olatunji's gun.

The Head of Public Relations of the Corps, Mr. Wale Folarin, confirmed the story and assured that the Corps would get to the root of the matter.

He said: "It is true one of our officers attached to the Ooni's palace was shot dead by some unidentified persons in front of a private residence of the Ooni. The killers went away with his gun. He died at the teaching hospital, Ife.

"We have arrested three suspects in connection with the crime and investigations continue as the command will get to the root of the matter."

Spokesperson of Ooni of Ife, Mr. Olafare Moses, confirmed the story, saying the monarch received the news with shock.

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