Policeman shoot to death driver for reproaching him not urinated on truck

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LAGOS—FOR challenging a police officer, who reportedly urinated on a truck, Alhaji Dan Jos, a truck owner, was shot dead, yesterday, at Tin Can Island Port, bringing operations to a halt as his colleagues began a protest.

According to an eyewitness, Kabiru Alaba, the yet-to-be identified police officer, <u>attached</u> to the RORO Division, shot Dan Jos for challenging his colleague who urinated on a truck parked in the premises.

He added that the offending policeman called a colleague from the RORO Division, who attacked Jos without finding out what happened.

According to Alaba, "the police officer was urinating on one of our trucks when Alhaji challenged him. It later led to an altercation and he called his colleague from the division, who came and shot Alhaji in his thigh."

Protest

<u>The incident</u> led to demonstration by members of the Road Transport Employee Association of Nigeria, RTEAN, who took to the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway in protest.

Sensing that the protest might degenerate further, the said police officer reportedly shot sporadically into the air, making protesters scamper for safety.

Confirming the incident to *Vanguard*, the RTEAN Chairman, Tin Can Island chapter, Isiaka Olalere, said: "I have just been told that one of my members was shot dead by a police officer. I am going there to put everything under control."

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the <u>Maritime</u>Command, ASP Sadik Olatunde, said he was not aware of the crisis at the port, adding "I will get across to the DPO at the Command to put everything under control."