

## Policeman kills commercial driver at Ekiti checkpoint

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**Ado-Ekiti**—AN officer of Ekiti State Police Command has killed a yet-to-be identified commercial bus driver at a checkpoint in Oye community, headquarters of Oye Local Government Area of the state, over the driver's refusal to part with some money.

Eyewitnesses alleged that the driver got to the checkpoint late Tuesday night, on his way from Ikare in Ondo State and that when he was stopped by the Police, he refused to part with money, which infuriated one of the policemen that shot at the vehicle while it was speeding away.

The witness claimed: "When the driver was hit by the bullet, he lost control of the bus and it somersaulted.

"He was lying dead at the scene, while in the confusion every other person was crawling out of the crashed vehicle, seeking help."

The witness also added that the victim hailed from Ikare in Ondo State, claiming that "the Olukare was said to have spoken with the Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Ekiti State Command, to ascertain his identity."

Speaking on the accident, the FRSC, through Mr. Mohammed Olowo, quoted witnesses as saying that only the driver of the bus, allegedly shot by a policeman, died in the incident.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the state Command, Mr. Alberto Adeyemi, confirmed the incident.

Adeyemi said the suspect has been arrested and is "already facing departmental orderly room trial.

"When the trial is concluded, he would be dismissed after which he would be charged to court."