

Hotel guards shoot lodger dead in Lagos

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A male lodger, whose identity has not been disclosed, was, weekend, shot dead by two private guards on the premises of De Maria Inn, at Loko Dana Street, off Liasu Road, Ikotun.

The guards, who fired the shot that snuffed life out of the customer, told policemen at Ikotun Division, that they mistook him for a thief.

There were, however, conflicting reports on how the deceased met his sudden end. A version said that the suspects—Samson Musibau and Olajide Emmanuel—who are being detained, claimed they sighted him at about 3a.m. yesterday, without knowing how he got inside the inn.

An argument between them and the deceased was said to have ensued during which they

released a bullet, which hit the deceased in the chest.

Another account had it that the deceased had gone to take something from his vehicle when he was confronted by the guards.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, CSP Chike Oti, who confirmed the incident, said a staff of the inn, Tajudeen Adedaja Lawal, reported the matter to the Police at Ikotun Division.

Oti said: "Lawal said the guards shot the deceased in the chest with a single-barrelled gun and as a result, he died on the spot.

"The scene was visited by Patrol 77 and the suspects arrested, while the corpse has been deposited at the Isolo General Hospital mortuary for autopsy. Investigation is in progress."