

# Policemen on raid shoot teenager to death in Lagos

By Mary Benson

A 17-year-old girl, Monsurat Ojuade, was reportedly killed by a bullet allegedly fired by policemen from the State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID Yaba, Lagos, who were on a raid of criminal hideouts in the Ijeshatedo area of Surulere.

It was gathered that the deceased, who scored over 200 marks in the recently released Joint Admission and Matriculation Board JAMB examination, was closing her mother's shop located on 53 Mogaji street, along Mosafejo road, Ijeshatedo, Friday night when she saw some boys running.

Unsure of why they were running, she reportedly joined them and ran inside her parents' house, closing the gate. But one of the policemen was alleged to have fired a bullet that passed through the gate and hit Monsurat in her laps.

Residents were said to have rushed her to three different hospitals, where she was confirmed dead in one of them. She reportedly died due to loss of blood.

The Policemen as gathered left the scene after the bullet was fired.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, the Councilor representing Ironi ward Surulere, Mr Lanre Oguntinyinbo, described the deceased as his mentee.

He said, "She was one of the decent brilliant girls in the community. She was not one of those girls that frolicked around. She was different. She was intelligent.

"While awaiting her admission into the university, I advised her to go learn how to sew and she was learning Fashion design. The clothes she wore that Friday morning was made by her.

"We want the policemen that visited the area to be brought to book. She never committed any crime. She saw some boys running when some policemen came raiding and she also ran.

"She was not from a very buoyant family but her parents tried their best to ensure they gave her and her two elder sisters

the best within their capability".

Her mother, who is yet to come to terms with the rude shock of her daughter's demise, reportedly passed out three times since she heard the news.

Late Monsurat, who was the third and last child of the house, was said to be her father's favourite.

An empty shell of a bullet that pierced through late Monsurat laps was reportedly found on the floor.

## Erring policeman detained

When contacted, spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, CSP Adekunle Adisebutu, disclosed that the policeman that fired the shot had been arrested on the the instruction of the Commissioner of Police, CP Hakeem Odumosu.

He, however, stated that the incident occurred at about 1am, on Saturday.

The Commissioner of Police, CP Hakeem Odumosu, regrets this unfortunate but avoidable incident and sincerely commiserates with the bereaved family whose pain he shares in this moment of grief.



SLAIN: Monsurat.