

Police in Edo kill passersby while chasing suspect

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THE police in Edo State while trying to arrest a fleeing murder suspect identified as Ebuka Nwaechie yesterday shot dead one Moses Adam in a vehicle passing by. A statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, Bello Kontongs, said Nwaechie is a suspect in the murder of Bright Orikose in 2020.

The statement reads: "The Edo State Police Command wish to inform the public that on 17/09/2021 at about 18:00 hours acting on a credible information, one Ebuka Nwaechie who was involved in the alleged murder of Bright Orikose on 24/12/2020 was sighted along First East Circular Road by St Joseph Catholic Church, Police operatives from the anti-kidnapping and cyber crime unit of the command immediately swung into action and arrested the suspect.

"The Command deeply re-

gret to inform the public that in the process of the arrest, a member of the police team fired a shot in a bid to restrain the fleeing suspected which unfortunately hit one of the occupant of a moving vehicle identified as Moses Adam and injured his thigh. The victim was rushed to the Edo Specialist Hospital where he gave up the ghost. The member of the police team involved in the shooting has been identified and arrested.

"The erring officer will go through administrative trial that will determine is culpability," he added.

Kontongs stated that the Commissioner of Police, Philip Agbadu is saddened by the incident and condole with the family of the victim, while directing the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of criminal investigation to carry out discreet investigation to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident."