

One dead, 2 injured in Lagos tragic shooting



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An 18-year-old boy, Toheeb Akinbowale has been killed by a member of the Nigerian Hunter and Forest Security Service (NHFSS) in a tragic shooting incident that occurred on September 8, 2024, in Ifako Ijaiye area of Lagos.

It was learned that the officer mistakenly discharged his weapon, fatally hitting Akinbowale and injuring two others.

The victim was pronounced dead at about 4:10 PM when he was rushed to Ifako Ijaiye Hospital

Ikeja Hospital.

The shooter, identified as 28-year-old James, was reportedly handling a double-barrel shotgun when the incident occurred. In addition to Akinbowale's death, two others—Sodeeq and another individual, whose name is yet to be confirmed—were injured and are currently receiving treatment at Ikeja General Hospital.

A team of detectives was dispatched to the scene to conduct a thorough investigation, including photographing the area and recovering the weapon. James was arrested and is now in police custody as the investigation continues.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, stated, "It is an unfortunate incident. Our team responded promptly, and we have already begun investigations into the circumstances surrounding the shooting. The suspect is cooperating, and we have recovered the weapon used. The body of the deceased has been deposited at the Ikeja Mortuary. We will provide further updates as the investigation unfolds."

Meanwhile, the double-barrel shotgun involved in the fatal accident is now in police custody as evidence. The investigation into the cause of the mistaken discharge is ongoing, and authorities have assured the public that further developments will be communicated in due course.