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The Rivers State Police Command has dismissed two policemen involved in the shooting of two passengers in a commercial bus to death on Sunday night in Port Harcourt. Also, they are to face prosecution as soon as the authorities of the command receives autopsy report on the incident.

Hints of their ignominious sack came from the police spokesperson in the state, Mrs Rita Inoma-Abbey (DSP), in an interview with Daily Sun, on the incident.

The trigger-happy policemen (names withheld), had fired at a bus at the Agip Junction for allegedly failing to stop at a nearby check-point, killing two passengers on the spot and wounding one other person. Although the policemen accused the bus driver of refusing to stop at the checkpoint, eye-witness account alleged initial disagreement over demand for money.

It was gathered that shortly after the incident and following public out-cry, the two policemen were rounded up and detained.

Speaking on the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer confirmed that the two suspects were still in detention.

Mrs Inoma-Abbey hinted that they would be arraigned in court as soon as the autopsy reports on the two deceased were received.

"The two men have been dismissed and we want to charge them to court soon. We are waiting for the autopsy reports and as so as we get it, we will start prosecution," she said.



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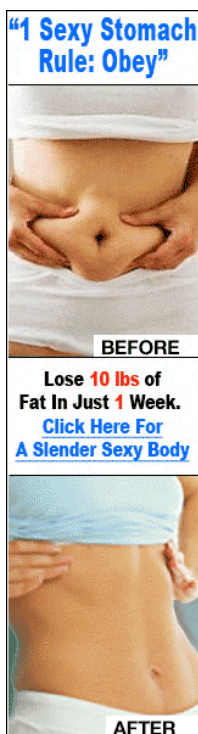
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