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Police arrest suspect for murder in Rivers market



The **Rivers State Police command** has confirmed a murder incident that occurred on Saturday at about 7am at the popular Fruit Market, Oil Mill, Rumuokwursi, Port Harcourt. It was gathered that the incident caused pandemonium at the market and led to destruction of goods worth millions of naira.

The police in a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Grace Iringe-Koko, said preliminary investigation revealed that a trader at the market attempted to create more space for his goods.

The trader reportedly requested a wheelbarrow pusher identified as Zakara Afaaruwu to remove his wheelbarrow which was obstructing the area.

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The statement said: "The request was refused, and an argument ensued. In the course of the disagreement, the wheelbarrow pusher allegedly stabbed the trader, identified as Hightor Wenem 'm' aged 30 years, from Mbagel Village, Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State, with a dagger.

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“The victim was immediately rushed to the Military Hospital for medical attention but was confirmed dead by the Medical Doctor; his corpse has been deposited at the morgue for autopsy.

“The incident led to tension and pandemonium between members of the Hausa and Benue communities in the area. However, prompt intervention by police operatives restored calm and prevented further breakdown of law and order.

“The statement said the suspect was arrested and was in police custody while investigation continued.”The situation is now under control, and monitoring of the area is ongoing. Further developments will be communicated.

“The command assures members of the public of its commitment to maintaining peace and security across the state and urges residents to remain calm and law-abiding,” the statement said.

