

Mopol kills 22-yr -old man in Effurun

IT was cry and wailing in Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta state on Saturday, when a trigger hungry mobile policeman with a security team on a routine duty at the Jakpa Roundabout, shot dead a 22-year old young man. The deceased, who was simply identified as Mr. David Robinson Ukpokpo, was killed at his 11 PTI Road family compound over a minor dispute with a trader, Mrs. Ododegho in his neighbourhood.

Mr. Daniel Ukpokpo, elder brother to the deceased, who narrated the gruesome murder said it all started when his much younger brother, Master Felix Ukpokpo confronted Mrs. Ododegho, one of many roadside traders along the Effurun/Warri Road over improper display of her wares mainly lace materials in front of the Ukpokpo family residence which formerly served as the Effurun Post Office.

Daniel Ukpokpo, who was literally in tears as he narrated the sad story, said that Mrs. Ododegho's displayed her items, which blocked the entrance to their home. Her refusal to rearrange the wares to decongest the entrance resulted in a heated argument with Felix Ukpokpo at which point the woman made a call

to her husband, Mr. Ododegho to come to her aid.

He said the trader's husband arrived the scene of the disagreement in company of two armed mobile policemen from nearby Jakpa Roundabout security beat. Their attempt to arrest Master Felix failed, as he disappeared before they could reach him.

One of the over-zealous policemen directed his rifle at Felix's elder brother, David Robinson Ukpokpo, who was mediating in the dispute, shooting at close range to his lower abdomen and killed him on the spot. The bullets which caught him from his front were said to have pierced through his back upon inspection at the mortuary, where his body has been deposited.

When contacted, Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ekpan Police Division, newly promoted Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Yusuf Audu under whose jurisdiction the incident occurred, only confirmed the incident, but declined details. It was learnt that he had sent signals to Asaba, the state capital, hence was not in a position to give an official statement, as the matter was still hazy and required deeper investigation.