

A suspected cultist on Wednesday night killed a police officer attached to the anti-cultism unit of the Rivers State Police Command at the popular Rex Lawson Waterfront in Borokiri area of Port Harcourt.

Witnesses said the suspected cultist killed the police officer as he tried to escape arrest.

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A witness said that operatives of the anti-cultism unit of the command, acting on a tip-off, had gone to the area to arrest the suspected cultist, believed to have been on the police wanted list.

The witness said the suspect engaged three police officers that came to arrest him in exchange of gunfire, leading to the death of one of the operatives.

He said the policemen later reinforced to the area and vandalised many properties, including over 25 Vehicles.

A resident of the area, Hon. Daddy Gigi, whose two vehicles were vandalized, berated the Police for destroying people's properties instead of going after the suspect.

The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Omoni Nnamdi, confirmed the incident, saying the Commissioner of Police had directed the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) to carry out a full scale investigation into the killing of the policeman and destruction of properties.



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