

Policeman kills colleague in gun duel with cultists

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A police officer in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, is said to have been shot and killed in error by a fellow policeman during a gun duel between them and suspected cultists, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

A witness, who preferred anonymity, said the incident occurred on Christmas day at Obele Area of Ovom in Yenagoa, leaving residents in apprehension.

According to the witness, trouble started when a misunderstanding among the feasting cultists degenerated to a fight, resulting to gunshots which eventually attracted a police patrol team to the area.

The police command spokesman, DSP Asinim Butswat, who confirmed the incident, said the killing was shocking.

“Yes, the incident was between cultists but as the police went to find out what was going on, the cultists started shooting and one of the policemen mistakenly shot an officer.

“Though, we are yet to get the full details because some of our men, who were at the scene, are supposed to brief us over the matter.”

It could be recalled that an armed robbery suspect had also on Dec. 22, killed his fellow robber during a robbery operation around Azikoro village, Yenagoa and eventually turned himself in at Azikoro Police Station.