

Police officer stabs youth to death

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There was pandemonium in Elimgbu area of Obio Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State Thursday night when a police officer allegedly stabbed a youth to death.

Witnesses said the officer, a Supretendent of Police deployed to the IGP Monitoring Team, had gone to the area to effect the arrest of the victim.

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The witness said a scuffle broke out between the deceased and the officer when the former insisted to know why he was being arrested.

He said the officer who became furious as a result of the resistance pulled a dagger and stabbed him.

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“The officer was in the community with other policemen to arrest the deceased. The deceased had questioned the officer on why he was being arrested and a scuffle ensued between them.

The mother of the deceased whose identity could not be ascertained at of press time said the deceased was her only child.

She said his son was a quiet boy and was not involved in any kind of trouble. The incident caused pandemonium in the area as youths of the community invaded the Elingbu Police Station and pulled down its wall.

When contacted, the Rivers State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the story. He said the police officer attached to the IGP Monitoring Team had gone to the community on a tip-off to arrest two suspected kidnappers.

He said the deceased and the police officer had struggled over a dagger after the former had refused to be arrested.

Omoni said in the ensuing melee, the dagger turned on the victim and injured him. He said that the deceased was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was confirmed dead. He said a full investigation had been launched into the matter by the command.