

Tragedy As Police Sergeant Kills Cousin Colleague Over Minor Argument

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A POLICE sergeant identified as Governor Akpos, yesterday, stabbed his cousin, Yerins Sapele, who is also a police sergeant, to death over what eyewitnesses described as a minor disagreement in Edepie area of Bayelsa State.

According to friends of the two policemen, the cousins attended a marriage ceremony at a popular hotel along INEC Road in Yenagoa metropolis where they had a minor argument over a joke the deceased cracked on the table they were seated.

It was learnt that Akpos, who is said to be short tempered, didn't feel happy about the joke and reacted angrily in a violent manner.

According to sources, they both engaged in fisticuffs, but friends stepped in and settled them.

It was further gathered that after the problem between the two policemen was settled, the duo left the venue with the belief that they were going to their separate homes.

It was gathered that instead of going home, Akpos trailed Sapele to a secluded place and stabbed him with a dagger on the left part of the ribs, which killed him instantly.

Background investigation revealed that both Akpos and Sapele are cousins from Torugbene community in Delta State.

Confirming the tragic death of the policeman and the arrest of the culprit when he attempted to flee the state, the spokesman of the Bayelsa State Command, Asinim Butwats, said the Commissioner of Police, Ben Okolo, has ordered his detention.

A statement by the Police Command confirmed that the off-duty police officer stabbed his colleague to death with a dagger in Yenagoa over a minor misunderstanding.