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Police arrest 16 suspects for murder in Rivers

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Operatives of the Rivers State Police Command have arrested 16 suspects in connection with the tragic death of an officer identified as Inspector Christiana Erekere.

The officer was murdered in the line of duty on April 25, at about 4:00p.m.

The command's spokesperson, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, in a statement, said preliminary investigations showed that the incident occurred when a group of

individuals traveling in a Lexus salon car was stopped for routine checks at the checkpoint in front of Bori Police Station in Khana Local Council of the state.

Iringe-Koko said the occupants became agitated and proceeded to barricade the road, obstructing the movement of other vehicles.

She said: “After completing the necessary checks, the police officers requested that the individuals leave the scene.

“Unfortunately, they refused, alleging that Inspector Erekere has recorded a video of their disruptive behaviour using her mobile phone.

“In their attempt to seize Inspector Erekere’s phone forcefully, they launched a violent attack against her, striking her with stones.

“The severity of the assault caused the officer to lose consciousness, and she was immediately transported to Nnadum Hospital in Bori. Regrettably, she succumbed to the injuries sustained during the attack.”

She added that the Rivers State Police Command has initiated a thorough investigation into the incident, stating that all individuals involved will be apprehended and brought to justice.

She also noted that the Command had extended its deepest condolences to the family of the deceased colleague, saying that the remains of the Inspector have been transferred to the mortuary for an autopsy.

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