

# BEREAVED FAMILY DEMANDS PROSECUTION OF CUSTOMS OVER SON'S DEATH

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**Family** of the 29- year old, Ebenezer Inutayi, who was **shot dead by a Custom Officer at Ilashe checkpoint along the Idiroko border area**, has appealed to the Federal Government to prevail on the Ogun Area Command of Customs Service (NCS) to surrender its erring Officer for prosecution.

Father of the deceased, Inutayi Itabiya, also appealed to President Goodluck Jonathan to intervene and ensure that the Customs respects the Nigeria Police's demand which requested that the custom officer to be surrendered for prosecution.

Speaking with journalists in Abeokuta, the state capital, on Tuesday, father of the deceased, alleged that one Custom Officer attached to **Ilashe checkpoint** simply identified as Tope shot Ebenezer **on Sunday, May 5, 2013, for being in possession of contraband goods.**

Inutayi further stated that the Custom Officer cocked his rifle, shot the deceased who had been forced to his knees while attempting to explain the source of the two numbers of 20 liters of vegetable oil which the Custom described as contraband.

The physically embittered father further explained that every plea by the late Ebenezer as well as one of his friends simply identified as Azeez fell on the Custom Officer's deaf ears as he eventually fired several shots at him.

Ebenezer was however, said to have given up the ghost on the road while he was rushed to the hospital by Azeez.

The Ogun Command of NCS was however, said to have refused to surrender the erring Customs Officer for questioning to the Idiroko Divisional Police Station where the matter was later reported.

Itabiya further alleged that the customs had been threatening the life of Azeez for daring to give evidences at the Police Station against him.

While demanding justice over the death of his son, Inutayi also appealed to the President to prevail and save the life of Azeez from the threat of the Customs Officer.

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