Police Killed My Son Over N100 Bribe, Widow Petitions Commission Of Inquiry



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UYO – Mrs. Mfon Udoidiong, a widow, has cried out to the Commission of Inquiry into Incidences of Police Brutality that a policeman, Mr. Idongesit Ekanem, killed her son over N100 on September 9, 2017.

Udoidiong, a petty trader from Nkek, Ukanafun Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, made the disclosure at the resumption from Christmas break of the Panel of Investigation on Incidences of Police Brutality, headed by Justice Ifiok Ukana (rtd), at High Court Complex in Uyo on Thursday.

She said her son, late Mr. Imo Udoidiong, came home from Uyo City Polytechnic, where he attended lectures and decided to visit a viewing centre.

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"After some hours his friend came to announce that my son was shot dead by a police officer who demanded money from him.

"The family of Idongesit Ekanem, the police officer involved only supported me with N200, 000 to buy coffin and bury my son," Udoidiong said.

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She added that since then, she had been neglected and the police have not shown any concern.

"The family of the police officer promised to give me N1, 000, 000 for me

to move on with my life. But till today nobody has given me anything apart from that N200,000 they gave me to buy coffin to bury my son," she said.

An eyewitness, a mechanic engineer, Mr. Ubong Monday, told the panel that the deceased was his classmate in secondary school, whom he met on his way to buy spare parts.

Monday said that late Udoidiong asked for assistance to reach where he was going since he was using a motorcycle.

"Close to Ukanafun Stadium, some policemen stopped us and demanded for N100 before we could pass.

"We told them that we do not have money to give, and my friend went down from the motorcycle to meet the leader of the patrol in their vehicle for explanation.

"Then the senior officer told them to allow us to pass. When Udoidiong tried to climb the bike, Ekanem (the suspect) came with his friend and attacked him with sticks for reporting him.



"Not satisfied, Ekanem went and brought a gun, corked it and shot Udoidiong who died instantly.

"When queried on why he shot the victim at the police station in Ukanafun, Ekanem said it was an accidental discharge," he said.

Counsel to the petitioner, Mr. Augustine Udoh, on his part prayed the court to drag the suspected police officer who was said to have been dismissed from service to appear for questioning on the matter.

Meanwhile, the panel has adjourned the case to January 21, 2021 for further hearing.

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