

Traders Flee Owerri Market Over Driver's Murder

Some shops and stalls in the Ekeonuwa market, Owerri in Imo State was momentarily shot down by their owners yesterday over the alleged murder of a sachet water driver who was killed at Njemanze Street, very close to the market.

Eye witness account revealed that the driver of the vehicle packed his vehicle indiscriminately along the road believed to have obstructed free movement of other vehicles. Some hoodlums who did not like the way the vehicle was packed confronted the driver. In the heated argument that ensued, one of the hoodlums hit the driver with a hard object on the head, prompting him to collapse in his own pool of blood.

The suspect and his accomplice were said to have fled the scene moments afterwards while some marketers around the scene of crime were also said to have hurriedly closed for the day for the fear of being interrogated by the police.

When the police public relation officer, Joy Elomoko, was contacted, her phone rang endlessly without answering.

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