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A police escort yesterday shot and killed one man at a funeral in Iruowele, Awka Etiti, Idemili South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

It was learnt four others were injured.

According to eyewitnesses, the escort had accompanied his principal, Chief Paul Okafor, to the funeral of late Mrs. Olikeze.

They said the policeman, while shooting into the air to announce the arrival of his principal, accidentally killed the man and injured four others.

The victim, according to sources, accompanied his friend to the funeral.

Those injured were taken to the Nnamdi Azikiwe Teaching Hospital for treatment.

A source said: "The dead person is not from Awka-Etiti. He just came back from Europe and visited Okafor, who he accompanied to the funeral.

"The policeman wanted to shoot into the air to announce Okafor's presence and the gun fell out of his hand and killed the friend on the spot while so many others sustained injuries."

The community is gripped with fear following the incident.

Two months ago, robbers shot and killed three policemen during a funeral.
They had earlier killed three indigenes.

Police Public Relations Officer Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka confirmed the incident but could not say if the suspect had been arrested.



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