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# Driver beats policeman to death in Benin

A police Corporal has allegedly been beaten to death by a driver in Benin City.

The Public Relations Officer of Edo State Police Command, DSP Noble Uwoh, said the driver and the car are now in police custody.

He added that investigation has commenced, and advised members of the public to be law-abiding and civil in their encounter with one another.

It was gathered that the deceased policeman, Cpl Osas Agbonmwenma, was

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serving at St. Saviour Police Division, Benin City before the unfortunate incident last Friday.

A source disclosed that late Agbonmwenma was among a team of policemen on a routine patrol. The patrol team allegedly ordered the driver, who was said to be driving a car without registration number, to pull over along Uwa Street by First East Circular Road Junction.

The source said an attempt by the policemen to forcefully take over control of the vehicle led to a physical combat between them and the driver, leading to a fight between the policemen and the driver.

However, another version of the encounter alleged that the driver who was asked to drive to the police station in company of the deceased police corporal attempted to divert the car to an unknown direction, prompting the corporal to forcefully stop the car

around St. Maria Goretti Grammar School.

The driver allegedly hit the cop on the head with an object.

The policeman was said to have been rushed to a hospital where he died.

A motorist who claimed to have witnessed the incident blamed both parties for the ugly incident, describing it as a result of overzealousness on the part of the policemen and a flagrant disobedience and attempt to resist arrest by the driver.

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