

# Policeman shoots father of three dead in Rivers



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An operative attached to the Police Mobile Force, 43 Squadron in [Gombe State](#), has reportedly shot and killed a father of three near a popular bar in Elekahia, Port Harcourt Local Government Area of Rivers State.

It was gathered that the incident occurred when the deceased identified as Olafuro Peterside took his family out for relaxation.

The policeman, who was said to be in company with another from PMF 43-Squadron, Gombe, was on a special duty in Rivers.

Spokesperson of the State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the incident on Saturday morning.

But she said the operatives shot into the air following the alarm raised by some residents that armed robbers were operating in the area adding that the deceased might have been a victim of stray bullet.

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Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent of Police, said the two operatives at the scene of the incident had been arrested.

She said the matter had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department of the command for proper investigation.

She said: “Yes, the command is aware of the incident. From the information at my disposal, the man was with his family.

” There was an incident of robbery in the area, so the policemen shot into the air in response to the alarm raised. So I think a stray bullet hit the man”.

Decrying the unfortunate incident, she said the defaulting cop and his colleague were already undergoing interrogation.