

# 3 policemen accused of killing tricy- cle rider over N100

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ANAMBRA State Police Command has launched investigation into the alleged murder of a commercial tricycle rider, Chinefu Samuel Agu, in Onitsha, by three policemen, one of which was simply identified as Sergeant Magaji.

The police are also investigating the alleged compromise by the Divisional Police Officer in charge of the Bridge-head Police Station, Godson Mgbironye Ubani, in the alleged murder.

State Police Public Relations Officer, Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed this to newsmen on phone on Monday while reacting to a complaint lodged by a human rights organisation, Human Rights Defenders of Nigeria, (HRDN), said the matter was under police investigation by Criminal Investigations and Intelligence Bureau of the command.

Haruna, a Superintendent of Police, however pleaded that people should not preempt the investigation.

Condemning the alleged murder, HRDN alleged that the 22-year-old Agu who lived in Asaba, Delta State and was doing his tricycle business in Onitsha, was killed for his refusal to offer N100 to the police team attached to the newly-created Onitsha bridge-head police division, which was before now under the Fegge Police Division.

In its protest letter to the Anambra State Commissioner of Police, Garba Baba Umar, HRDN stated that Agu was forcefully dragged out from his tricycle on June 8 at about 3:20 p.m., and hit many times with gun butt, before being pushed into an on-coming vehicle which crushed him to death.