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Family of slain driver cries for justice

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Reverend Father Paul Obi, brother of the deceased while speaking to journalists on Monday.

Family members of late Mr Ifeanyi Obi, the senior driver of the Delta State commissioner on the board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Chief Tom Amioku, have cried out for justice.

Mr Obi, who was in his 50s, was shot dead during last Saturday's local government polls in Delta State.

They are asking that the mystery surrounding the death of their bread winner be unravelled by law enforcement agents.

The deceased was felled by bullets in the village of his boss, Chief Amioku, Egborode in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State when trouble broke out in Unit 3 of the area.

But Chief Amioku, when contacted on Monday, said his late driver was hit by a stray bullet and it was not his making.

He said trouble broke out in Unit 3 during the local polls and security agents tried to intervene, but that he left the venue when the atmosphere became unpredictable and chaotic.

The NDDC boss said he had left the chaotic scene with his team on their way from harm's way when his driver told him that he sighted the back-up vehicle being driven by his late senior driver fall into a ditch.

"As we were driving, my driver told me that the back-up vehicle has fallen into a ditch. We went back to him, only to meet him in a pool of his blood. I am sure he was hit by a stray bullet. We moved him immediately to the Warri Central Hospital, but doctors confirmed him dead when we got there. I do not know where the stray bullet came from. From the Warri Central Hospital, I went to the Orerokpe Police Station to report the matter and the matter is being investigated right now by the police," Amioku stated.

Meanwhile, family members of the late driver have expressed dissatisfaction over the explanation tendered by Chief Amioku.

The younger brother of the late driver, Rev. Fr. Paul Obi, who spoke in Warri, on Monday on behalf of the family, said; "We are not satisfied with the story of Chief Amioku on the death of our elder brother who was preparing for the burial of our father who died recently at 90 years old."

According to him; "Dr Ken together with one other of my relations and his wife went to identify the corpse at the mortuary. Since the incident happened till date, Amioku has not come to see me. Instead, he went to break the sad news

to our 70 year old mother and my late brother's wife."

In his words also; "So, up till this moment that I am talking to you, I am yet to know what happened to my late brother. It was today that I came back that I went to see the corpse of my late brother at the mortuary. When I got there, what I saw was not good at all. I saw that he was shot at the throat. According to rumours that I am hearing, they said it was a stray bullet that killed my brother, but I am not satisfied with that explanation. How can a stray bullet hit somebody on the throat? It did not hit him on the back or any other part of his body. So what I am saying is that I do not know the true story of how my brother died."

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