

"The driver of the trailer wola, lost his life due to the necessary loss of lives.

Controversy trails community leader's death in police custody in Delta

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CONTROVERSY has trailed the alleged death of a prominent community leader, Chief Lucky Ayomanor, in the custody of the Nigerian Police in Sapele, Delta State, on Wednesday night.

Chief Ayomanor was said to be on a visit to his elder brother at about 9:00p.m in his vehicle to Gana area of Sapele when he was accosted by some policemen in a stop-and-search operation.

The police operatives were said to have found a fully-loaded revolver in his car during the stop-and-search

operation.

He was subsequently detained at the police station in Sapele, only to be pronounced dead the following morning.

The police said he fainted in their custody and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died.

Reacting to the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Andrew Aniamaka, said: "Police found a fully-loaded pump-action gun in the deceased's car, and when they demanded the licence, he could not provide it.

The police then took him

to the police station in Sapele where he fainted. He was then rushed to hospital where he died."

But family members of the deceased disagreed with the police's story.

A brother of the deceased, Chief Michael Okor, while speaking to journalists, said "that was not true, you know the police like fabricating stories.

"Chief Ayomanor was a peace-loving man. What would he need a gun for?"

Chief Okor, however, said that the family was waiting for the autopsy, adding: "We will talk after the autopsy."

one lie to attempt to cover up each other when they stayed long in detention," even as he likened their escapists' tendencies to what he called "university crime."

After pronouncing the accused guilty as charge, Justice Ntong proceeded on break and returned in red attire for the final judgment.

And as soon as the lady saw the judge in a red robe, she broke down and wept uncontrollably, before Ntong sounded the final knell and sentenced them.

Efforts by her boyfriend, who still maintained his composure, to console her proved abortive as the lady cried and sought forgiveness from God.