

## Accidental discharge kills three policemen in PH

**T**HREE policemen, who were involved in a fracas at a supermarket in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, were killed as a result of alleged accidental discharge from a rifle belonging to one of them.

The three policemen were drawn to a fight between a middle-aged man and a woman over an unpaid debt. Our correspondent learnt that two policemen guarding a nearby house intervened and tried to settle the quarrel. It was in the process that three policemen attached to Abacha Division appeared on the scene and allegedly engaged their colleagues in a fight.

The scuffle involving the policemen also attracted two other colleagues of theirs. One of the policemen held the rifle of his colleague and in the process, it fired and killed him.

Confirming the development, the spokesperson of the state police command, Dr. Rita Inoma-Abbey, said in an SMS that the gunshot also injured two other policemen. The injured policemen were rushed "to Teme Clinic for treatment while the body of the dead person was deposited in Braithwaite Memorial Hospital mortuary. Thirteen empty shells of AK-47 ammunition were recovered at the scene."

She, however, added that the two injured policemen later died.

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