

Naval rating kills policeman over girlfriend

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THERE was pandemonium in Iwofe Area of Port Harcourt on Sunday when a naval rating shot a police constable to death after a heated argument over a girlfriend.

The police constable, who was identified as Osaro Osame, was said to be on a special duty at Saipem, an oil servicing company, before he was killed.

PUNCHMETRO gathered that Osame, who was in company of a lady, had engaged the naval rating in an altercation over the woman.

Angered by the constable's audacity, the naval rating (name withheld) brought out a rifle and shot Osame at close range.

Those around the area, according to an eyewitness, took to their heels when they heard the sound of a gunshot after the disagreement between the two security agents.

The police constable, according to an eyewitness died on the spot while the naval rating was arrested after the incident.

"The sound of the gun really made people to be afraid. Those who were curious after they heard the gunshot went straight

to the scene of the incident to see things for themselves," an eyewitness said.

Confirming the incident, the Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rita Inoma-Abbey, said the incident took place at about 1.30am on Sunday.

Disclosing that the naval rating was arrested by the Navy Command, Inoma-Abbey said the suspect would soon be handed over to the state police command.

She said, "One police constable, Osaro Osame of the 45 Police Mobile Force on a special duty at Saipem, Port Harcourt was shot dead by a naval rating at about 0130 hours today (Sunday).

"The deceased left camp in company with a lady. It is highly suspected that the lady may be the cause of the misunderstanding between the naval rating and the deceased."

Inoma-Abbey said the lady, who was suspected to causing rift that led to the policeman's death, was in police custody.

She said the policeman's corpse had been deposited in a mortuary, adding that the Criminal Investigation Department of the state police command had begun investigation into the incident.