

# Family of slain Rivers pepper grinder demands justice

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The family of Noble Gbara, a victim of last Thursday's protest following the alleged killing of a tricycle rider by a policeman in Rukpokwu, near Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has called for justice.

Noble's sister, Blessing Gbara, while speaking on 92.3 NIGRINFO in Port Harcourt on Monday, said he was shot by the police attached to the Rumuokoro Division while rushing home as the protest escalated.

She said her brother, who was grinding pepper at the Rumuokoro Market, died on the spot as a result of the gunshots.

Blessing stated, "The police were chasing the protesters away. So, Noble decided to rush down to the house. He wanted to rush back home as he didn't like trouble.

“That was when the police shot him. My brother used to grind pepper at the Rumuokoro Market. When we took him to hospital, doctors confirmed that he had died.

When contacted, a spokesman for the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, urged the family to make an official complaint to the police headquarters, adding that if the matter was genuine, it would be given the required attention.

“Did they report the matter to the police? Which police station did they report to? As a command, if we didn’t get any complaint or report, how do we know what has happened? So, they should make an official report,” Omoni stated.