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Conference organised by the dRPC

his colleague from Leadership  
Newspapers, Patience Ihejirika,

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Business District. After introducing

he stopped me from entering the  
venue.

hotel in Nyeri, 100/01/2004  
Government Area of the state

victims were freed at Ikun in the

said, "Investigation did not reveal

## NSCDC killer-operative arrested for alleged

Dennis Naki, Port Harcourt

**T**HE police in Rivers State  
said they have arrested an  
operative of the Nigeria  
Security and Civil Defence  
Corps, who allegedly killed a bus  
driver along the NTA Road, Port  
Harcourt, on Tuesday.

The state Commissioner of  
Police, Eboke Friday, disclosed  
this during a meeting with  
youth leaders from the 23 local  
government areas of the state in  
Port Harcourt on Thursday.

Friday also ordered the

immediate arrest of a member of  
a local vigilante group, known as  
OSPAC, who allegedly shot dead  
a trader at the GSM Village in the  
Garrison area of Port Harcourt on  
Wednesday.

The CP said the NSCDC officer  
was identified and was being  
detained at the State Criminal  
Investigation Department

adding that his weapon had been  
retrieved.

"When the incident happened,

our men moved in, identified

the NSCDC officer and he was

taken to the SCID for further

investigation," he stated.

He added that the command  
was in talks with the family of the  
deceased bus driver, known as  
Christian or Biggie, and said now  
that courts had reopened, the  
suspect would be charged.

On the latest incident at  
Garrison, an eyewitness said  
trouble started when the  
vigilantes accosted the man, who  
was about entering his shop, on  
Wednesday.

He said the vigilantes  
asked him to identify himself  
and prevented the man from

entering the market, leading  
to a heated argument and one  
of them brought out a gun and  
shot the trader.

The eyewitness said, "We  
were here in Garrison doing our  
business. The OSPAC people  
came and held a shop owner  
hostage inside the market around  
7pm.

"One of the vigilantes asked  
the man to identify himself and  
where he was going to. He told  
them that he was a trader and  
wanted to pick something from  
his shop.

## murder of Rivers driver

### • CP orders vigilante's arrest for killing trader



• Friday

"The OSPAC said the man  
didn't have any reason to enter

the market by that time. An  
altercation ensued.

"They man was asking them  
to allow him in so that he could  
open his shop and pick the item  
he came for, but the OSPAC men  
refused.

"Before we knew it, one of the  
OSPAC men shot the trader."

He explained that the incident  
led to the disruption of business  
activities in the area as traders  
were forced to close shop.

He further said the situation

infuriated traders and residents  
of the community, who staged a  
protest, while the OSPAC team  
members took to their heels to  
avoid a mob attack.

Confirming the incident  
in a short message to our  
correspondent on Thursday, the  
CP said, "On the Ogbunabali  
case, the Divisional Police Officer  
has been directed to ensure that  
the OSPAC official and all those  
who hired him are arrested  
forthwith."