

Family accuses Rivers vigilantes of killing son, demands justice

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THE family of Godstime Felix has accused a vigilance group, OSPAC, in the Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State of killing him.

The elder brother of the deceased, Saturday Felix, said Godstime followed youths in the community to the house of a herbalist identified as Mike in Edoha community, in the Ahoada East LGA.

The herbalist was accused of burying a baby in his shrine.

He said, "I was at Ahoada when I heard that there was an evil man in the village. So, I rushed down. When I got there, they said the man had

escaped.

"Some boys went to his house to look for him, but he was not found. In the process, OSPAC came and started shooting.

"People living in that area said they usually see OSPAC members in the native doctor's house and that they work with him.

"That was why they came and started shooting to cover the man. It was in the process of shooting that bullets hit three people.

"Later, they survived, but my blood brother, our last born, died."

He asked the police to arrest members of the group.

Also, the youth leader of the community, Chisa Okposuogu,

said the culprits must be fished out and brought to justice.

He said the visit to the herbalist's house was to hand him over to the police for investigation and possible prosecution.

Okposuogu said, "We did not carry any gun, knife or stick and our plan was to hold the man and hand him over to the police because we don't have plans to kill anyone.

"They should provide the particular OSPAC person that killed our brother."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, said he was aware of some skirmishes in the area, but could not confirm the killing as of the time of filing this report. „