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Good Afternoon! Friday June 03, 2011**Police corporal kills tanker driver**

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A police corporal attached to the Anti-Pipeline Vandalization Task Force has shot dead a tanker driver in Ahoada area of Rivers State. Already, the trigger-happy policeman is on his way out of the Force as police authorities hinted that he would be arraigned in court soon. The suspect (names withheld) was alleged to have shot the tanker driver at Olokobo in Ahoada West Local Government Area during a quarrel.

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The incident occurred about 3 p.m. on Friday, May 27. The victim was rushed to hospital where he died shortly after he was admitted. Consequently, tanker drivers have threatened to go on strike. Confirming the incident, police spokesman in the state, Mr. Benjamin Ugwuegbulam (DSP), said the suspect was of the Anti-Pipeline Vandalisation Task Force, Zone Six, Calabar, adding that he has been detained and his weapon recovered.

Mr. Ugwuegbulam said the corporal was “being dismissed” and, “to be charged to court next week”. He said police detectives and the State CID have stepped into the matter. The police image-maker assured that the threat of “road blockade and strike” by tanker drivers was being “managed” and urged for calm.

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