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Nigeria: Police Corporal Disarms Assassin

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A Police Corporal serving at the Divisional Police Headquarters, Ovwian in Delta State, Vincent Ebong has disarmed a gunman who shot dead his victim, a retired staff of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) at a nearby bush in Ovwian town in Delta State after a physical combat that lasted for nearly 30 minutes.

Vanguard learnt that Corporal Ebong was on a routine patrol with a motor-cycle when he sighted a vehicle heading towards the bush and he became suspicious.

Unknown to the two gunmen who took their victim into the bush, the policeman was on their trail and as soon as they got to a convenient point, they pushed the victim out of the car and shot him.

Meanwhile, the corporal who had called his office for reinforcement laid ambush for the gunmen waiting to take them one by one.

Luckily, the one that was armed came first and he pounced on him from his hideout, both of them started struggling for the gun and the suspect tried to free himself to reload the gun, but, he could not.

The police reinforcement arrived on time and the second gunman fled the scene leaving his colleague behind.

The victim who was shot on the stomach died while he was being rushed to the hospital for medical attention.

Chairman of Committee for the Defence of Human Rights (CDHR) in the state, Barrister Oghenejabor Ikimi in a statement, yesterday, said, "We salute Corporal Ebong for his uncommon bravery and gallantry act during a routine patrol, which led to the apprehending of the scoundrel at the scene of crime after the alleged culprit had shot his victim on the stomach at a nearby bush in Ovwian town".

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A police source told Vanguard that the suspect has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the State Police Command at Asaba, where he is now helping homicide detectives in their investigation into the crime.

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