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YENAGOA—OPERATIVES of the Bayelsa State Police Command have arrested the killer of the 43-year-old woman who sold recharge cards at the Biogbolo suburb of Yenagoa last month.

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It was gathered that the arrested 22 years old suspect, Precious Joseph, from Kpansia community in Yenagoa council area, had been under security [watch](#) over his alleged involvement in the killing of the recharge card seller, robbery and cultism.

The suspect is also said to be a notorious member of the Green [Lander](#) cult group in the state.

The Bayelsa Commissioner of Police, Mr. Asuquo Amba, while briefing newsmen yesterday in Yenagoa on the activities of the Command, confirmed that the suspect, Precious Joseph, is a known notorious criminal who was wanted for various cases, including the killing of the 43 years old woman who sold recharge cards, February 10.

[The deceased](#) recharge cards seller was shot dead at [close range](#), while struggling with the suspect and his gang members.

Amba said: "On February 11, at about 4p.m., one Ifeanyi attacked one Solomon Preye at gunpoint.

The Special Anti-Robbery Squad detectives, who were close by, swiftly rescued the situation and chased the robbers.

"Precious Joseph, who was the gunman, threw away the pistol, which was recovered."

The CP added that on Monday, the special anti-robbery squad operatives sighted Precious Joseph at Tombia roundabout where he was arrested.

He added that Joseph led the police to recover another locally-made pistol, adding "Precious Joseph is a member of the Green Lander secret cult."

The police commissioner announced that since his assumption of office, the Command had engaged in constant reviews of strategies and "the community policing strategy has paid off with the arrest of armed robbers, recovery of firearms, recovery of cars and arrest of suspected cultists in the state."

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