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① Cop to die by hanging for killing 17-yr-old in Bayelsa

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A Bayelsa High Court Ekereremor/Sagbama Judicial Division yesterday sentenced to death by hanging, Police Corporal Vincent Oloma over the extra judicial killing of one 17 years old Innocent Kokorifa in August 2016 in Yenagoa.

Delivering his judgement, Justice Nayai Aganaba, found the accused guilty of murder and dismissed his claims of acting in self defence as "unsatisfactory and unconvincing."

Justice Aganaba, while reading his judgement said: "I hold that the prosecution proved the case beyond reasonable doubt and on the contrary there was serious doubt as to the truth in the claim by the accused that he acted in self defense.

"I reject the defence of the accused for being contradictory and unsatisfactory. I find the accused guilty as charged and is hereby convicted as guilty of the murder of Innocent Kokorifa."

The 17-year old Innocent, the first out of the five children of Mr Daniel Kokorifa, an official of the Federal Road Safety Corps, was shot dead in controversial circumstance by the police Anti -Vice/Anti-Kidnapping team along Air Force Road in Yenagoa, on August 18, 2016.