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Rivers family alleges killing of son in police custody

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PORT HARCOURT—THE family of a middle-aged man arrested in Rivers State have alleged that the police have killed their son in custody and buried his remains.

Operatives of the Octopus Strike Force unit of the Rivers State Police Command, sometime in October, arrested one Life Sunday around Elelenwo town, Obio/Akpor Local Government area.

The victim's elder brother, Leegbari Sunday, yesterday, in Port Harcourt, said Life was arrested around Odani junction in Elelenwo and that since the arrest the family have not been allowed to see him (Life).

Leegbari disclosed that Police personnel of the Octopus Strike Force unit told them that their brother was arrested based on a petition by a prominent person in Ogoni, alleging that the suspect was notorious.

Leegbari claimed that the Police did not allow their brother access to his family and a lawyer, and that they (the police) refused to charge him to court, if he committed any crime.

He revealed that recently the family got reliable information that their brother died in Police custody, from torture.

Leegbari called on the Commissioner of Police, Effiong Okon, to compel the Octopus Strike Force unit to produce their brother (Life Sunday) in public or court, if they claim he is alive.