

Man arrested over Benue varsity don, brother's killing

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The Benue State Police Command has arrested a 23-year-old man identified as Abdullahi Usman in connection with the killing of a lecturer at the Benue State University, Professor Gabriel Nyityo.

The spokesperson for the command, DSP Udeme Edet, stated this in a statement issued on Thursday and made available to journalists in Makurdi.

The state Police Public Relations Officer disclosed that officers at D Division received a distress call along the Adaka axis, where the officers saw two dead bodies.

“One Prof. Gabriel Saawua Nyityo ‘m’, 58yrs, and his younger brother, one John Nyityo ‘m’, 19yrs, were killed by unknown gunmen.

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“The suspect, one Abdullahi Usman, 23 years old, of Awe in Nasarawa State, has been arrested in connection with the crime, and the investigation is still going on to get the remaining suspects,” the PPRO said in the statement.

The don, alongside his younger brother, Nyityo, was reportedly killed at their residence in the Adaka community, Makurdi Local Government Area of the state, in the early hours of Wednesday.

Though lecturers in the state university are on strike, the killing of Prof. Nyityo from the History Department has sent shock through the Adaka and university communities.