

Rape suspect kills policeman in Abuja

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The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command has declared wanted a man who allegedly raped a lady in Abuja and killed the police detective investigating the matter. The Public Relations Officer of the FCT Police Command, Deputy Superintendent of Police Moshood Jimoh said the alleged rapist whose name was given as Frank; hit the officer, Constable David Noma with his vehicle while Noma was trying to arrest him.

He said the lady, Abigel John who had earlier reported the rape case at the Utako Police Station in Abuja where Noma was attached to, told the police that Frank met her at a public function a couple of days before he raped her in his hotel room in Jabi on March 27 2009. Abigael told the police that Frank had phoned her and invited her to his hotel room in Jabi, where he forcefully had sex with her.

She told the police in her report that she struggled with the suspected rapist and attempted to escape from the room but she was overpowered by him. She thereafter reported the case to the police at Utako Police Station.

She said the rapist kept on telephoning her, telling her that he was in love with her and invited her to meet him in a restaurant in Area 11, Garki on March 31 2009.

According to DSP Jimoh, "Two undercover policemen including the dead Noma were instructed to trail the man to the restaurant and arrest him. So when Frank arrived, the lady went to where he parked his car and signalled the officers that he was the real man that raped her and they both moved towards his car while she was near the door to the passenger seat. Frank did not put off his car's engine and Noma went and attempted to open the driver's side door while the other officer went to the passenger's door where Abigael was standing. Suspecting that Noma and the other guy to be policemen, Frank attempted to reverse the car when Noma held the steering wheel. He reversed while dragging Noma on the ground and hit his head on another car parked nearby and accelerated the car away. Two motorists attempted to go after him but they could not meet him. We immediately took Noma to a nearby hospital where he died," the policeman said.

However, the PPRO said the police have obtained the photograph of the suspect and intensified their search for him. He urged whoever knows Frank's whereabouts to report to the police.