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Police Constable Solomon Maikeffi has been charged before an Abuja court over the murder of his colleague and a carpenter. Details of what transpired at the court remain sketchy.

A senior police officer in the Federal Capital Territory Police Command told Daily Trust yesterday that Maikeffi, who shot dead the command's operation administrator Sergeant Harrison Aigbobgo Ajayi and a carpenter Michael Oturah otherwise known as Barry White in a brawl was charged with two murders.

The incident occurred at Area C, Nyanya Abuja on October 1, 2009, at about 10:00pm. The FCT Commissioner of Police John Haruna ordered the arrest of the police officer and Inspector Tahir Ali who was also involved in the scuffle that led to the killings.

The CP had said investigation revealed that Inspector Ali of the FCT Command met a Honda Car with Registration Number Abuja BG 214 KWL belonging to Oturah parked at the entrance of his house at Area C Nyanya and was left stranded. After failing to locate the Oturah for some hours, he used jack knife and deflated the tyres of the vehicle.

The CP said a woman doing business at a nearby shop informed Oturah what happened, and he mobilised his friends and beat up the Ali. "Ajayi who was around the scene moved to restore order and prevent Oturah and his friends from further assaulting Ali. After the arrival of Ajayi, Ali stabbed Oturah twice with the knife according to eye witness," he said.

The CP said Maikeffi who was close to the scene claimed that at that point he heard people yelling "armed robbers" and assumed his assistance was needed and rushed to the scene. Maikeffi pulled the trigger of his gun and the bullets hit Ajayi and Oturah.

Maikeffi said he cannot explain how the incident occurred because his legal adviser did not allow him to do so.

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