

Policeman in court for killing driver over N400

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

A police corporal, Habila Dauda, who allegedly shot dead a driver, Sanusi Alhaji Saleh of Doron Baga in Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State over N400 was yesterday arraigned before the Maiduguri High Court. According to the court papers, the policeman

on April 7, 2009 at about 1am at the Bosso check point in Mallam Fatori, Abadam Local Government Area of the state, shot dead the driver. The corporal is being charged with culpable homicide, an offence punishable by death under Section 221 of the Penal Code.

The deceased's younger

brother, Mohammed Muktar, told the court that the accused, who was attached to the anti-crime joint patrol at the Nigeria/Niger border had a misunderstanding with his brother, the driver of a truck, at the Mallam Fatori joint patrol gate while conveying a truck load of fish into the state. He said when they were stopped, his

brother gave the accused N400,00, but he refused, saying it was too small.

"My brother began to plead with him, but the accused slapped him. When the deceased asked to know why he was slapped, the policeman shot him," he alleged.

The case has been adjourned to August 12, 2010.