

A 26-year-old businessman died yesterday from gunshot injury he sustained when three daredevil gunmen trailed him to his house at Low Cost quarters in Zaria city, Kaduna State.

The deceased, Salisu Mahmud, had just returned from a business trip in Gusau, Zamfara State, with his wife and three children when the gunmen accosted him and asked him to surrender the keys of his car, witness said.

When our correspondent visited Mahmud's family home in Kusfa, Zaria, his elder brother said; "I was sleeping at the front of my family house when I heard some people asking of me. The inquiries woke me up. The people told me that my younger brother was shot by unknown people and the police have taken him to the St. Luke's Hospital in Wusasa, Zaria. I and other relatives rushed to the hospital and the doctors told us that we had to donate blood because there was need for an urgent transfusion. However, as the blood transfusion came to an end, my brother passed on."

"The gunmen came on motorcycle. When my brother, who had just returned from a journey, alighted from his car to open the gate of his house, they accosted him and asked him to lie down. They also directed his wife to move out of the car and lie down. They ordered him to handover the key of his car, a Honda End of Discussion. They also collected his mobile phone and that of his wife. One of them drove the car. While the remaining two zoomed off on their motorcycle. They shot my brother in the thigh," Mahmud's brother, who preferred anonymity, said.

When contacted, the Kaduna State Police Command's spokesperson, DSP Aminu Lawal, confirmed the incident, saying investigation has since commenced and the police were trailing the gunmen.

Lawal described the incident as a case of armed robbery.