

## Father accused of killing son in Gwagwalada

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Residents of Old Kutunku community in Gwagwalada Area Council of the FCT were on Tuesday evening thrown into mourning when an elderly man, called Papa Michael, allegedly stabbed his only son, Michael to death with a sharp object.

A policeman told our reporter that the incident took place at around 9pm.

A co-tenant, who pleaded anonymity, said the problem started a few months ago, when the father accused his son of keeping bad company and smoking Indian hemp.

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He said Papa Michael warned his son severally but the boy would not listen until some youths apprehended him in the joint penultimate Sunday.

According to him, few days later, his father stabbed him out of anger and he died due to loss of excessive bleeding,” the neighbor stated.

Our reporter gathered that the elderly man was immediately nabbed by the police and taken to the police station for interrogation. Effort to reach the Gwagwalada divisional police officer proved abortive but the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Doris England, said she was not aware of the incident and will contact Gwagwalada Police Station to get details.

In another development, three pupils of Dagiri Nursery and Primary School, Gwagwalada, were on Friday morning allegedly crushed to death in the area by an over speeding commercial bus coming from Lokoja.

A witness said the incident happened at around 8:32 am as the pupils were about to cross the road. He said the commercial bus with registration number XC 838 KPF crushed the pupils, who were from different parents. “Parents of the pupils rushed to the accident scene and even pleaded with an irate mob not to lynch the bus driver. They told the mob that their children’s death was an act of God,” a witness said.

City News learnt that the driver, Mallam Abdullahi, attended the children’s burial rites according to Islamic rites and met with their family members to condole them.

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When contacted, Gwagwalada unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Ahmed Abubakar, said he is not aware of the incident.