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A soldier who allegedly shot and killed a man under the influence of alcohol in Kaduna has been arrested.

On Tuesday morning, the soldier allegedly fired several shots after a quarrel with a patrol team of a local vigilante group in the Unguwar Sarki area of Kaduna.

He was interrogated by the patrol team at about 12 midnight during which he was angered by their approach and engaged in a fisticuff with some members of the vigilante team.

Witnesses said the soldier left the scene furious but returned three hours later to the office of the vigilante team at Unguwar Shanu in combat uniform with a loaded gun. He fired several shots, damaged the windscreen of 18 vehicles before killing a man, Daily Trust learnt.

Family members were yet to claim the corpse of the deceased as at yesterday morning. The army had confirmed the incident and said investigations were on to determine the identity of the soldier. However, a police source yesterday told Daily Trust that the soldier has been arrested and has been detained at the army divisional headquarters in Kaduna. He said the suspect will face court-martial before he can be transferred to the police.

The Deputy Director Army Public Relations Colonel Sani Usman could not be reached for comments.



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