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# POLICE ACCUSE NIGERIEN OF KILLING CAB DRIVER

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Men of the FCT Police command have arrested a Nigerien who allegedly butchered a taxi driver and removed his genitals and eyes before dumping his body in an uncompleted building at the Central Business Area of Abuja.

According to police sources, the Nigerien who was a security guard in an uncompleted building had lured and

drugged the deceased, who was his friend before killing him.

The police source also said the decomposed body was removed and buried by the police.

The Nigerien, the source added, has since been arrested by Mabushi police division of the FCT police command and would be charged for culpable homicide.

The source said the police had received a report from a relative of the deceased taxi driver that he has been missing since November 4.

"When the report was made, the Mabushi divisional police officer asked them to return the next day after investigation into the case must have been initiated.

"That evening, Mabushi patrol team discovered a taxi parked by Mabushi Expressway. There was nobody in the vehicle when the officers checked and it was tolled to the station," the source added.

City News gathered that when the relatives, who had filed the missing person report arrived the station the next day, they recognized the vehicle to be belonging to the taxi driver, who was said to be missing at the time.

The source added that during police investigations, one man was arrested in connection with the abandoned vehicle in the area who led the police to the arrest of the prime suspect.

"During interrogation, the Nigerien confessed that he killed the driver, dumped the body by an uncompleted building near a hotel in the Central Area, as he could not dig the soil," the police source said.

A relative of the deceased informed our reporter that the Nigerien and the deceased have been friends for about three years.

"The driver was his friend, he comes there (the uncompleted building) to sleep while the

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Nigerian also takes care of his car whenever the driver visits his family in Jos," he said.

The Mabushi divisional police officer, Superintendent Saheed Kazeem, confirmed the arrest but declined further comments on the issue.

At the FCT police command, its spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, confirmed the death of the driver and the arrest of the security guard.

She said, "The man's friend, a security guard in an uncompleted building near a hotel lured, drugged and butchered the driver before dumping his body in a nearby bush."

The FCT PPRO advised people to be careful about the kind of friends they keep and wondered why somebody could be so heartless to a friend of more than three years.

She said the security guard has been arrested, the vehicle recovered and the corpse buried, assuring that the security guard would be charged for culpable homicide.

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