

THE BIG STORY

Robbers kill policeman in Niger hotel

By Adam Umar

A senior police officer with the Borno state Police Command has been killed by suspected armed robbers.

The deceased was reportedly killed while lodging at a hotel in Madalla, near Abuja.

It was gathered that the police officer was on transit to Lokoja, the Kogi State capital. The deceased, a native of Kogi State, decided to spend the night at the

hotel when the unfortunate occurred.

The hotel manager was said to be unavailable when our reporter visited the place yesterday evening. However, a source who prefers anonymity said the attackers stormed the facility around 2am on Thursday, rounded up all the security guards on arrival and locked them inside a room and also seized their phones.

The window of his room was burgled, the source said, adding that the robbers used unidentified weapons to hack him to death.

Other people that lodged in the hotel at the time were also said to have been robbed of their phones and money during the attack.

A police source disclosed that the vehicle of the victim was discovered inside the hotel where his ID card was found inside it along with some cash.

Suleja police area commander, A.C.P Ilyasu Kwarbai confirmed the incident, adding that the officials of the state police command CID had visited the scene of the crime for investigation.

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