Guard kills employer in Gombe

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A middle-aged guard has killed his employer at Malala village, Dukku Local Government Area of Gombe State.

Sources said the guard, Kabiru Bappah Algus, stabbed his master, Alhaji Abubakar Buba Galadima, 50, and on Monday when the latter paid an unscheduled visit to his own farm only to check if the hired guard was discharging his assignment diligently.

A younger brother to the deceased, Buhari Ahmed, told City & Crime that his brother had cultivated beans and hired the guard to look over the produce at the farm.

He said, "Our brother left home around 12am on Monday on a motorbike and upon reaching the farm, he camouflaged as a thief, so the guard pounced on him and they wrestled for a while, though he kept telling the guard that it

was him (the owner). When our brother overwhelmed him, the guard used his knife and stabbed him in the chest and he died instantly.

"Upon realising his deed, he rushed to us informing us that he had inadvertently stabbed his Alhaji to death. We swiftly went to the scene and found Alhaji in the pool of blood on top of the beans."

He further stated that the family is not interested in following up the case as both the guard and the deceased's families had been neighbours and the guard insisted that he stabbed the victim out of knowledge.

City & Crime learnt that local police arrested the guard and the Gombe State Police Public Relations Officer, Mahid Muazu Abubakar, said the state Commissioner of Police, CP Oqua Etim had directed that the case be transferred to state Criminal Investigation Department for investigation.