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How NTA driver was stabbed to death in Abuja

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A driver with the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) was reportedly stabbed to death by suspected phone snatchers in the Central Business District of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

The incident, City & Crime learnt, occurred on Monday night near the popular Sahad Stores supermarket by CBN Junction, Central Business Area of Abuja.

The victim identified as Yahuza Sani, was said to have been fatally stabbed several times by the criminals on his way back to the office around 9 pm.

A source at the NTA told City & Crime that "The unfortunate incident happened when he ferried a staff member home after closing

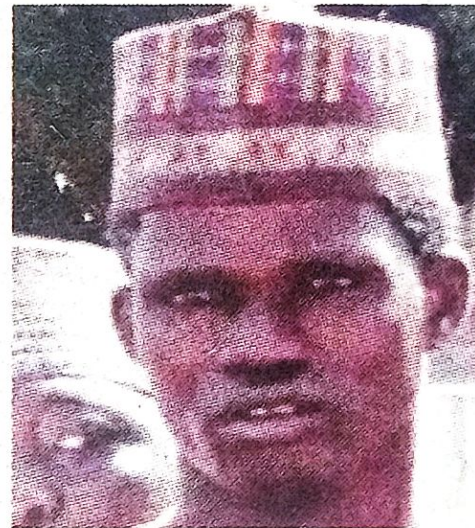
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work for the day. On his way back to the office, he parked the vehicle around Sahad Stores – being a safer zone to fix some technical things with the car, having noticed a fault in the car earlier.

"As he alighted from the vehicle, the criminals pounced on him and dragged him nearby and fatally stabbed him to death. They took away his phone and left him in his own pool of blood, with the car's key intact," said the source.

The source added that the late Yahuza was a contract staff with NTA News24 for almost four years.

City & Crime further learnt that the deceased, a 38-year-old father of three was from Batsari LGA, Katsina State, and lived in Keffi,



Nasarawa State.

His remains were interred at Gudu Cemetery, Apo District, Abuja on Tuesday evening.

However, efforts to speak with the FCT police command on the

incident proved abortive as its spokesperson, Josephine Ade, neither reply nor answer several calls put across to her.

She was also said not to be on seat when City & Crime visited the command's headquarters yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Muslim Rights Concern (MURIC), Abuja Branch, has condoled with the management and staff of NTA on the death of Yahuza Sani.

In a statement, MURIC prayed for the deceased's mercy, while calling on the FCT Commissioner of Police to, as a matter of urgency, deploy his intelligence team across the black spots in Abuja for 24/7 surveillance to curb the activities of criminals in the federal capital city.