

Suspected robbers kill policeman in Abuja

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A TWENTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD policeman attached to the Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) at the Wuse Zone 7, Zonal Headquarters, Abuja, was on Tuesday murdered by some hoodlums suspected to be armed robbers.

The policeman, Samuel Agbo, was stabbed on the neck by hoodlums who attacked him under the bridge along Airport Road on his way to Jabi.

Sources told The Guardian that Agbo had gone to visit a friend at the Police Barracks along Airport Road, a few metres before Karamajin. He was said to be waiting for a taxi when the robbers attacked him.

According to Blessing Agbo, a sister to the late policeman, "the robbers demanded for his handset and money. He was with a wallet, so he gave them his handset but he did not want to release his wallet because it contained his identity card. The robbers snatched Samuel's wallet and when they discovered from his identity card that he was a policeman, they stabbed him on the neck".

She said her late brother took a motorcycle back to his friend's house, who immediately took him to Wuse General Hospital on the same day at about 9.00 p.m. Agbo was treated, but later died at about 2.00 a.m. yesterday.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Command Commissioner of Police (CP), Haruna John, told journalists that the authorities of the command were subjecting the knives used by the robbers to forensic examination.

Speaking with The Guardian, Mr. Eugene Okoma, a cousin to the late Agbo, said the family was awaiting the outcome of the investigations being carried out by the FCT Police authorities. He said: "We are giving them from now till Friday next week. If nothing happens, we will take the corpse home".

The late Agbo hailed from Otukpo in Benue State. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Zone 7, Daniel Agwabi SP, said the late Agbo was taken to Wuse General Hospital where he was treated but later died.

Agwabi explained that the late Agbo went to visit his friend, also a policeman at the Police Barracks at the Airport Road, after the close of work and was attacked on his way back.

According to the PPRO, it was the friend of who took him to the hospital, adding that the case was being investigated by the FCT Police Command.