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Hunters 'Strangle' Cyclist To Death Over N4000 Fare

There are strong indications that suspected hunters yesterday strangled a commercial motorcycle rider to death, purportedly over transport fare.

INDEPENDENT gathered that the unidentified hunters agreed to pay the

rider N4000, transport fare for a journey from Ungwar Mallam in Daura Local Government Area of Katsina state.

One Sarajo Habibu, a vigilante member in the

area said the incident occurred at about 9:47pm, while they were patrolling the community.

However, Gambo Isah, a deputy superintendent of police and spokesman

for the Katsina State police command, in a telephone interview with our correspondent, denied knowledge of the incident, saying he was yet to be briefed officially.

But Habibu said that the corpse of the cyclist was found by the roadside with injuries on his head and neck, pointing out that a resident of the area raised an alarm, which prompted them to rush to the scene.

His words: "Information has it that the deceased picked two unidentified men on a motorcycle from Ungwar Mallam to Daura, and that in the course of the

journey, he was attacked.

"From our investigation, there are indications that one of the attackers may have brought out a thick rope and tied it on the deceased's neck and he fell on the ground."

They waited until his last breath before they abandoned him and escaped with his motorcycle".

Habibu added that the identity card of the motorcycle transport union, Daura branch, was found in the pocket of the deceased; and that the appropriate quarters has been contacted, while the corpse of the rider was removed and deposited at the mortuary.

