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Three held for murder of radio staff member, three years after



Operatives of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command, attached to Mpape Division, have arrested three suspects in connection with the murder of Mr. Azubuko Nwakama, a staff member of Liberty Radio.

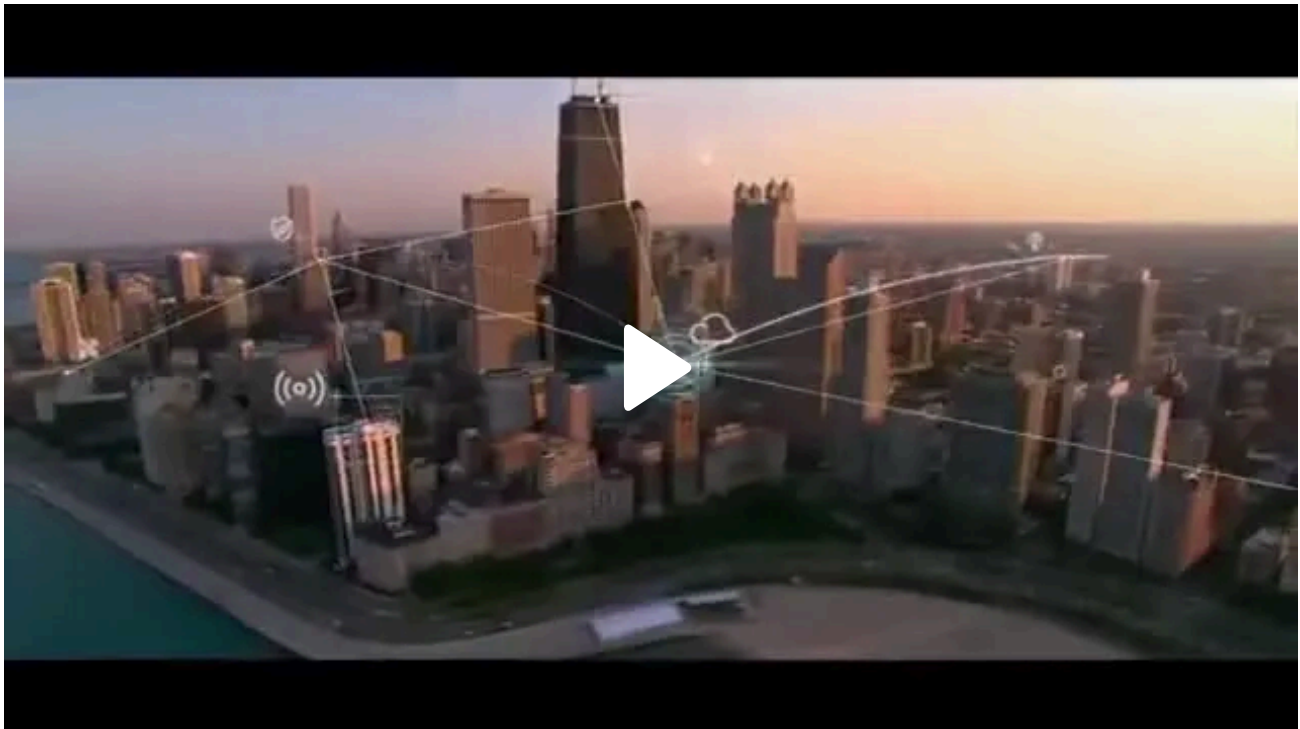
Nwakama was attacked and robbed on June 14, last year at Panteka Market, Mpape, Abuja.

Following the incident, detectives from Mpape Division launched an investigation.

The suspects, police said, had dispossessed the victim of his mobile phone and other valuables.

Despite extensive tracking efforts, police said the device remained switched off, making it difficult to trace.

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According to a statement by the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, SO Josephine Adeh; “The investigation team remained on the case for over a year, closely monitoring possible digital traces linked to the stolen phone. The breakthrough came on 2nd August 2025, when the victim’s phone, a Redmi 13C, was switched on.

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“It was immediately tracked to one Mutari Lawal, 32, from **Kano State**, who was promptly arrested.

“During interrogation, Mutari confessed to attacking and stabbing the deceased before making away with his valuables. He named his accomplices as Dan’Asabe Ibrahim, 22years, from Zamfara State, and Danjuma Ibrahim, 18, of no fixed address in Mpape, with whom he carried out the crime.

“He further said he took the stolen phone to Kano, kept it switched off for a year, and only powered it on in August 2025 to wipe data, insert his SIM card, and return to Abuja.

“The Commissioner of Police, FCT Command, Ajao Adewale, commended the diligence, resilience, and professionalism of the officers who ensured that justice prevailed despite the passage of time.

“He warned criminals in the FCT to repent or relocate as “the long arm of the law, which is patient, persistent, and resolute will definitely catch up with them”.

She said the FCT Police Command reassured the residents that their security remains the Command's priority and urged them to remain vigilant and promptly report suspicious activities or emergencies through the Command's emergency lines