

Suspected motorcycle thief burnt to death in Abuja

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A suspected motorcycle thief was in the early hours of Sunday burnt to death by commercial motorcyclists at Dei-Dei area of Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The incident occurred around Bakusa bridge in the community.

It was gathered that the remains of the suspect were later thrown on a refuse dump and set ablaze again.

A witness, Ibrahim Aliyu, said the deceased had boarded a motorcycle from Karmo town and had ordered the operator to stop on getting to the bridge.

Aliyu said: "He pretended as if he wanted to vomit, only to stab the okada rider in his neck. Unluckily for him, he was traced by other motorcyclists while attempting to escape with the motorcycle.

"He was then killed and set ablaze."

The victim was said to have been taken to a hospital for treatment.

As of the time of filing in this report, efforts to contact the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeh, failed as she did not answer calls made to her mobile phone or reply text message sent to her.