

Two killed while attempting to steal tricycle

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One of the suspects

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Two armed robbery suspects have died while one was injured in a failed attempt to snatch a commercial tricycle in Katsina.

The spokesman for the Katsina Police Command, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the development on Thursday evening at the command's headquarters while parading some suspects recently arrested for various offences in the state.

According to him, the dead robbery suspects were Janaidu Abubakar, 23 of Sabon Titin Kwado and Nasiru Bala, 24 of Kwabren Darawa Quarters, both in Katsina.

Another robbery suspect, Mohammed Usman, 18 of Kwabren Darawa, sustained injuries during the failed attempt to snatch the tricycle.

It was learnt that one Aududu, who was also another robbery suspect, escaped.

The police spokesman revealed that all the four robbery suspects were members of a syndicate who attempted to snatch the tricycle on February 8, 2020 in Katsina.

The four men were said to have chartered the tricycle operated by one Rabi, 25.

They reportedly told Rabi to take them to Arabian Quarters behind Federal Secretariat within Katsina metropolis.

Isah added that on getting to the quarters, the suspects strangled Rabi and stabbed him several times. They thereafter left him for dead before snatching the tricycle.

Rabi's cry for help was said to have attracted sympathisers who chased the suspects and caught up with them along Katsina-Kano Road.

A police patrol team was said to have rescued the suspects from the mob.

Isah added, "The police patrol team led by DPO Batagarawa rescued the hoodlums and took them to the general hospital, Katsina where all the three suspects and the victim were admitted for treatment. Two of the hoodlums, Janaidu Abubakar and Nasiru Bala, later died on admission.

"Mohammed Usman was treated and discharged while one Aududu is presently at large. Investigation is ongoing."

Usman told City Round that Aududu stabbed Rabi while he and others strangled him. Rabi is still receiving treatment at the hospital.

Other suspect paraded included a 40-year-old ex-service man, Umar Bala, alleged of specialising in sending text messages to people, threatening them to pay a ransom to avoid being kidnapped.

The police spokesman said 10 different SIM cards were found on Bala when he was arrested on February 3, 2020.

Also paraded was one Habibu Sani, 25, of Mahuta village in the Funtua Local Government Area of the state who was also accused of threatening to kidnap his victims by sending text messages to them.

Others paraded included one Lawal Sale, 25 and Sani Ado, 27, alleged to be in possession of five cows suspected to have been stolen.

The police were also said to have recovered a locally-made pistol from one Ahmadu Rufai, 23, arrested for robbery. The police spokesman said all the suspects would be prosecuted after completion of investigation.

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