

METRO PLUS

Man, 21, kills friend over lover in Bauchi

Published June 3, 2020

Bauchi State Commissioner of Police, Philip Maku.

Armstrong Bakam, Bauchi

A 21-year-old man identified simply as Ishaku, who is a resident of Dass, headquarters of the Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State, has allegedly killed his friend, Zeloti John, over a lady.

Investigation revealed that the incident occurred on Friday, May 29, 2020, barely a week after a 21-year-old security guard with the New Trafford Hotel was beaten to death over a missing phone.

A source in Dass told our correspondent that the incident occurred in the Kanwara area, where a pub was located.

“On the day of the incident, I saw the deceased, Zeloti, going up and down between 10am and 11am in my area, chatting with some persons as if he had a premonition of his death,” the source stated.

The source, who said he was related to the deceased, noted that he was at home on Friday around 5.30pm when he received the news of Zeloti’s death during a fight at the pub.

He added that the information he got was that Zeloti was stabbed in three different parts of his body with a knife by the assailant over an argument on who was the real boyfriend of the lady.

He said the fight was not about the lady that people knew Zeloti with, but another, whose identity had yet to be ascertained.

Zeloti was buried on Monday.

The Bauchi State Police Command confirmed the incident.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Ahmed Wakili, said a case of culpable homicide was reported at the Dass Police Division and transferred to the State Intelligence and Investigation Bureau at the command headquarters for further investigation.

Wakili, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said Zeloti was stabbed in the neck with a sharp object and rushed to the Dass General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

According to him, the police have arrested one suspect in connection with the case, while investigation was ongoing to know the reason for the killing.