

Adamawa health official stabs undergraduate to death

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A staff member of the Adamawa State Ministry of Health and Human Development attached to Health Service Management Board Mubi, Festus Stephen, has stabbed a 300 level student of the Adamawa State University, Mubi, Mohammed Gudas, to death.

Festus, the health official, who is now standing trial, over the death of the undergraduate before a Yola High Court, on the counts of murder and armed robbery, committed by stabbing the deceased in the neck with a knife to dispossess his victim of an iPhone, he allegedly bought from him but which the deceased had refused to surrender to him despite payment.

The suspect said he first met Gudas in 2011, and the two struck up a friendship, which saw both men relating very well with Festus and oftentimes passed the night at Gudu's house in Mubi.

In his court testament, he said “ On the 27th October, 2018, at about 7:30pm at Wuro Gude, himself and the deceased decided that he (the victim) should go and buy a fried yam and bean cake, while himself should go and buy codeine syrup for consumption.

“He bought 2 bottles of codeine syrup for their consumption, while late Gudus bought the fried yam and bean cake, which we ate and subsequently consumed the syrup.”

But before the incident, I had bought the victim’s iPhone at the sum of #40,000, and paid the money, but the deceased would not give me the iPhone.”

He stated that he did whatever he could so that he would give him the phone since he had paid for it, but to no avail and decided to use the opportunity in order to collect the phone either by force.

According to him, some minutes after taking their codeine syrup, his friend removed the phone from his pocket and told him that he wanted to call his father, and that immediately, he removed a knife he armed himself with and stabbed him on his neck as a result of which fell down lifeless.

Festus narrated further that he picked the phone and dipped his hands in the pocket of the deceased and took a packet of cigarettes and boarded a tricycle and fled from the scene of the incident.

According to him, he switched off the phone until the following day where he was on it and called the father of the deceased, but he could not utter a word, and that he was later traced and arrested by the police.

The case which came up on Thursday for hearing was further adjourned to the 24th February, 2021 for continuation of hearing.