

FCT phone thief stabs female victim to death, robber killed

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THE Federal Capital Territory Police Command has arrested a 20-year-old man, Danladi Abubakar, for allegedly killing a yet-to-be identified woman.

Abubakar was said to have stabbed his victim to death with a knife after snatching her mobile phone at Kasuwa-Dere in the Gwagwalada area of the FCT.

The command's spokesperson, Mariam Yusuf, said in a statement on Sunday that the suspect was arrested by police detectives from Gwagwalada following an intelligence report.

Yusuf said one of his victims identified the suspect, who confessed



• FCT CP, Bala Ciroma

that he belongs to a notorious phone snatching syndicate operating in the area.

The statement read in part, "The FCT Police Command has arrested

one suspect for culpable homicide in the Kasuwa-Dere, Gwagwalada area.

"Acting on credible intelligence, the suspect, one Danladi Abubakar, 20, was arrested by police detectives from the Gwagwalada Division for the gruesome murder of a yet-to-be identified middle-aged woman.

"The suspect, who was identified by another victim, confessed to being a member of a notorious phone snatching syndicate operating in the Gwagwalada area.

"Exhibits recovered are one sharp knife used for stabbing the deceased and one Tecno phone belonging to the late woman."

The police spokesperson added that operatives on patrol also foiled a robbery attempt at a hotel in the Kubwa area.

Yusuf said one of the suspects, who sustained gunshot injuries, was pronounced dead when the police rushed him to hospital.

She added that one Baretta pistol, one silver Mazda space wagon and number plates were recovered from the late suspect.

Yusuf stated that efforts were on to arrest the fleeing suspects.

She said, "Also, police operatives from the Kubwa Division foiled an armed robbery attempt at a hotel in the Kubwa area.

"The operatives, who were on routine patrol, engaged the robbers in a fierce gun duel, however, one of the suspects sustained serious gunshot injuries, was rushed to the hospital where the doctor confirmed him dead.

"Exhibits recovered from the late suspect are one Baretta pistol, three rounds, silver Mazda space wagon and number plates. Effort is in top gear to arrest the fleeing suspects."

She said the suspects would be arraigned upon the conclusion of investigation. "

Proprietor arrested for molesting student



• Education Commissioner, Folashade Adefioye

The Coordinator of the DSVRT, Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi, who noted that the proprietor's alleged act contravened the Child's Rights Law, 2015 as well as sections 135 and 263 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, said the suspect claimed that his action was an innocent gesture on the student's cheek.

The statement read in part, "In an interview with the student by the team, the affected child disclosed that the school proprietor, on May 26, 2021, which happened to be the school's Children Day celebration, made advances to her and kissed her on her lips, but she was able to push

him away and ran out of his office.

"She added that since the incident, she had made every effort to keep a distance from the proprietor. Further investigations revealed that the affected child might not be the only student to have fallen victim to sexual harassment in the hands of the alleged perpetrator.

"It was further alleged that Mr Emmanuel Madueke tactically grooms female students, who become acquainted with him, promising educational advancement as a reward.

"The team, however, reported the case to the Ilasan Police Division with the investigation ongoing by the Gender Desk Department of the Lagos State Police Command. The Lagos State Government, after the investigation, reiterated its commitment to ensuring the protection of children from all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, warning that no form of sexual and gender-based violence would be tolerated in the state."