

Carjackers stab Abuja driver to death, steal car

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Suspected carjackers have killed a cab-hailing driver identified as Mathew Okafor in Abuja, City Round has learnt.

Our correspondent learnt that the driver was stabbed many times before his car was stolen by his assailants. It was also gathered that one of the armed men disguised as a passenger and requested the slain driver's service last Monday.

A source close to the family, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Okafor called his wife, who was

Dangote truck burnt after killing pupil in Ogun

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Pandemonium broke out in Ilaro Yewa-South Local Government Area of Ogun State as angry mob set ablaze a truck laden with cement belonging to the Dangote Cement Company after crushing a secondary school pupil to death.

The Spokesman for the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps, Mr Babatunde Akinbiyi, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

Akinbiyi said the mob also vandalised the truck of the fire service which moved to the scene to put out the fire.

The TRACE spokesperson added that the incident occurred on Friday after the pupils closed from the school at Sabo Junction in Ilaro.

Akinbiyi attributed the incident to loss of control due to speeding, noting that the truck was burnt beyond recognition.

He said "The presumed dead victim has been reposed at the mortuary in Ilaro General Hospital. Traffic was affected because pupils trooped in a large number to set the truck on fire." He also stated that the mob prevented fire fighters from extinguishing the fire leading to the destruction of their truck.

recently delivered of a baby, at 6pm that day to inform her that he would be returning home soon.

That was the last time the wife and other family members heard from him as his phone kept ringing out when attempts were made to reach him.

The source said Okafor's corpse was later found around Gwagwalada area of the Federal Capital Territory.

He said, "We don't know when he died but he went missing last Monday. Around 6pm, he called his wife and said that he would soon be home. His wife kept calling his line till the following day. His mobile rang out many times but no one picked the calls. She communicated with family members and we searched for him but we were unable to get a clue on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we approached the cab-hailing firm who said his last movement was around the Airport Road axis. We went there and didn't find anything. We went to the police station there to make a complaint. A police officer said he overheard some commercial motorcyclists talk about a corpse.

"We, alongside some police officers, went to check if it was Okafor. We found him in the pool of his own blood. He was stabbed on different parts of his body. We buried him on Wednesday."

The source added that before his corpse was discovered, Okafor's wife said the robbers used his phone to demand money, claiming that he drank himself to a stupor and was owing.

He added, "On Wednesday, the wife told us that they called her with Okafor's line. They said he drank himself to stupor and was being detained for owing. They told the wife to send some money so that he could be freed. It was not as if he was kidnapped. They did that to get more money alongside the car. The wife, who was recently delivered of a baby, has been inconsolable."

When contacted, the spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, Mariam Yusuf, confirmed the incident. Yusuf said the command was investigating the matter.