

Doctor, friend planning travel to US

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between 8am and 11am.

AN Abuja-based radiologist, Dr Obialo Ibe, and his yet-to-be-identified friend, have been reportedly murdered in his residence in the Games Village area of the Federal Capital Territory.

The victims were said to have been murdered last Wednesday

There are, however, two accounts of the incident.

One of the accounts stated that the victims were murdered by some yet-to-be-identified persons, while another account accused the slain Ibe's house help of killing him and his friend.

One Anthony Ogbo on Facebook, quoting Ibe's younger sister, Adanna, said the slain doctor was slated to leave for the United States of America with his friend the day they were murdered.

He added that they were stabbed several times in the chest and abdomen while Ibe's new car, luggage and some documents were taken away.

He wrote, "Obi was ready to leave for the airport. His friend came to pick him up. Adanna left for work. She later called

• Ibe

her brother to wish him a safe journey, but could not reach him.

"After several attempts, she

then called the house boy. The house boy said he left Obi at home to go out for an errand. Adanna got worried and went



cop, kidnapping's relative

some victims in Jalingo.

"Investigations further revealed that the modus operandi of the suspects include trailing individuals — business owners, government functionaries, motorists with flashy and exotic cars, etc — to their houses and thereafter planning and executing the kidnap of such persons.

Court discharges two Beninese

ON Sunday around 3.45pm, incident in a statement on Sunday,

murdered in Abuja

back home.

"On reaching home, the gate was locked from outside with a new padlock. She called the house boy again, who told her where to find the new key.

"She got into the house and found lifeless Obi and his friend in a pool of their blood. They both have been stabbed several times in the chest and abdomen. His five-month-old car, travelling luggage, plus documents gone."

Also, a presidential candidate of the Abundant Nigeria Renewal Party in 2019, Tope Fausa, on Facebook, said, "Dr Obialor Ibe, one of the best consultant radiologists in Nigeria, and his friend, were gruesomely murdered at his Abuja home on Wednesday by unidentified individual/s. He was supposed to be travelling to America that

morning.

"He was a very passionate radiologist who had a remarkable interest in paediatric abdominal radiology."

However, a man who claimed to be the doctor's neighbour, accused the house help of poisoning and later stabbing him and his friend.

He said, "It is believed that the house boy poisoned the doctor and his friend, hacked them to death, and stole his SUV, cash, and took off. I heard that he was arrested at the Nigeria-Niger border."

The FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeh, could not be reached for comments as calls to her line were not answered.

She had yet to respond to a text message sent to her line as of the time of filing this report.

of forgery charges