Armed robbers kill DJ in Abuja hotel raid

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A hotel located in the Gwarinpa area of the Federal Capital Territory was attacked by a gang of armed robbers on Saturday.

The attack resulted in the death of a disc jockey who was shot during the incident.

The DJ was said to have died at the Federal Medical Centre in Jabi, Abuja, where he was rushed to.

It was also gathered that some guests were subjected to the harrowing experience of being robbed of their valuables and personal belongings.

A resident of the area who witnessed the incident identified simply as Sani said the incident had caused panic in the area, as incidents of armed robbery have become rampant.

He said, "In the early hours of Saturday, some armed robbers attacked the Volcano Hotel at Gwarinpa. They robbed some guests in the hotel and took away their belongings. The money and phones of the guests were stolen.

"A DJ was shot. He died at the hospital in Jabi. We have been experiencing a series of armed robbery incidents in Gwarinpa recently, and this particular one has heightened fears among residents."

On X.com, a tweep, Kidbold wrote, "A club in Gwarimpa, Abuja was attacked in the early hours of this morning by gunmen and a DJ I know was killed.

"There's a police station not far from the place."

Attempts to reach the hotel's management were unsuccessful, as calls made to the phone number listed on its website went unanswered.

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Confirming the incident, the FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeh, on Sunday identified the slain DJ as Bashir Dauda.

Adeh noted that the police rushed to the scene immediately after receiving a distress call and found Dauda on the floor.

She said the police rushed the victim to the hospital, where he was confirmed dead.

She said, "On 15/06/2024 at about 05:07 am a distress call was received by the FCT Police Command that a robbery incident had taken place at Volcano Peak Court Hotel, 4th Avenue around 03:35 am.

"Operatives from the Gwarimpa Police Division immediately deployed to the scene, secured the premises, and discovered that one Bashir Dauda had been shot by the attackers.

"The victim was quickly rushed to Federal Medical Centre, Jabi, where doctors on duty confirmed him dead. The corpse was released on the request of the family to be buried according to Islamic rites."

Adeh noted that an investigation was ongoing on the incident.

She added, "Investigation is still ongoing in a bid to apprehend the culprits while further developments will be communicated in due course.

"The FCT Police Command advises residents to always be conscious of their surroundings, when you notice suspicious activities, call the police immediately, and we will respond swiftly."

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The PUNCH journalist, Solomon, has five years experience covering crime, judiciary and defence beats.