Soldier kills UNIMAID graduate, steals his car

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MAIDUGURI—A soldier in Maiduguri has allegedly shot dead a graduate of physics from University of Maiduguri who gave him a ride and ran away with his car.

Vanguard learned that the incident occurred on Wednesday as the soldier asked the deceased to give him a ride, but later shot him dead before reaching his point of disembarkation and made away with the deceased car.

Speaking to journalists in Maiduguri, the father of the deceased, Alhaji Konto Sulum, said the soldier asked his son, Mohammed to give him a lift so he could reach his destination, but lamented that before reaching his destination, the soldier shot him dead and ran away with his car.

He lamented: "The soldier who thought he was dead, dragged his body out of the car and zoomed off with it. My son crawled down to the roadside, near Asita Hotel at Bolori, where a good Samaritan called the attention of Civilian JTF and they tried to rush him to the hospital but he gave up the ghost before reaching the hospital.

"Before my son died, he informed the Civilian JTF that he was shot by a soldier who ran away with his car. The next day his friend saw the soldier and his friend at Oando filling station on Baga road with the car, where they alerted Civilian JTF and they were arrested."

According to him, his 22-year-old son has just graduated from the physics department of the University of Maiduguri, waiting for his call-up letter for NYSC.