

Police arrest house help, 3 others over alleged killing of banker in Yobe

A house help at Red Bricks Housing Estate in Damaturu, Yobe State, has been arrested alongside three other suspects over the killing of the banker identified as Hassan Abubakar.

It was gathered that the house help, 21-year-old Umar Shaibu, was arrested while carting away valuable items from the victim's house.

The Yobe State command's spokesman, Dungus Abdulkarim, who disclosed this in Damaturu, said the culprits were apprehended during a sting operation by detectives of 'B' Divisional Police Headquarters.

Abdulkarim said: "On July 23, 2021, at about 1130hrs, a report was received from one Abubakar Musa, an employee of UBA Bank, Damaturu Branch, that the victim, one Hassan Abubakar, a co-employee, did not report for duty and efforts to trace his whereabouts proved abortive.

"Consequently, detectives swung into action and his home and premises were searched and bloodstains were observed on the floor with some iron rods covered with blood, probably used in the commission of the offence.

"On July 24, 2021, the principal suspect, Shaibu, who happened to be the house help of the victim, was arrested while carting away valuable items from the victim's house.

"Upon interrogation, he confessed to the crime, stating that on July 22, 2021, he and three other suspects attacked the victim in his house at Red Bricks Housing Estate in Damaturu.

Shaibu said: "They robbed him (deceased) of money but ended up killing the victim, buried the corpse in the compound and fled.

"On the next day, July 23, 2021, they began to sell the property until they were eventually nabbed by the police, which led to the arrest of the three other suspects."