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Hisbah officials stab girlfriend to death

A man believed to be a member of the Kano State Shari'ah police (Hisbah) allegedly killed his 35-year-old girlfriend in her parents' house yesterday.

The victim, a mother of five, was said to have died instantly.

The suspected killer whose name was given as Dayyabu Mohammed, had been in a relationship with the deceased, Hauwa Ibrahim, popularly known as Delu, who lived with her parents a few metres from his residence at the Lokon Babba Dan Agundi in Indabawa quarters within Kano metropolis, it was gathered.

Mohammed who is said to be a volunteer in the Hisbah corps, had gained access to Delu's room at about dawn, after her father had left the house gate open as he left for subh prayer at a nearby mosque, said the victim's relations. The suspect, according to the deceased's father, Malam Ibrahim Maitafsiri, after entering the house, went into Delu's room where he informed her to the hearing of her younger sister that he was at her place to bid her farewell.

Malam Maitafsiri told our correspondent that even while his late daughter continued to shout her mother's name for help, the assailant was not deterred as he proceeded to Delu's bedside and stabbed her continuously with a knife, adding that her chest was severely pierced.

Delu's mother had to cut short her morning prayer to rush to her daughter's rescue, said Malam Maitafsiri, adding that the suspect pushed her away and took to his heels as she attempted to grab him.

While explaining to our reporter about the family's reason for suspecting the Hisbah official, an elder brother of the deceased, Malam Habibu Ibrahim, said the two had been in love for a long time and that Mohammed had been showering the deceased with various gift items.

But he disclosed that when the alleged killer formally approached the family to ask for Delu's hand in marriage, he was asked to put the matter on hold and take back the engagement items he brought. The family's refusal to approve the proposal, according to Ibrahim, was borne out of the need to stave off a situation where a marriage between the two may end in early divorce, saying because his late sister was far older and more matured than her suitor, Mohammed. He further said the decision did go down well with the suitor as he kept complaining openly that he was denied marrying his heartthrob.

Habibu added that while the suspect was struggling to escape arrest after committing the crime yesterday, he abandoned his official Hisbah beret and the knife he allegedly used to stab Delu.

A source informed our reporter that apart from serving with Hisbah, the suspect also works as a security guard at a branch of a bank located in

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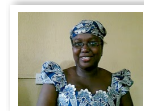
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