

How Mother, Stepfather Allegedly Beat Son To Death In Kaduna

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A teenage boy identified as Sadiq has allegedly died after being subjected to prolonged beating by his mother and stepfather in the Kurmin-Mashi area of Kaduna State over an alleged missing sum of money.

The incident, which occurred on Monday night on Dahiru Road in Kurmin-Mashi, has thrown the neighbourhood into shock and grief, with eyewitnesses recounting how the teenager repeatedly pleaded for water while neighbours allegedly attempted to intervene but failed.

Some residents told LEADERSHIP

that the deceased, believed to be between 12 and 14 years old, was allegedly punished by his mother, Hauwa'u Adamu, popularly known in the community as Maman Sadiq, and her husband, Sharhabil, after he was accused of failing to account for money he had been sent to withdraw from a Point-of-Sale (PoS) operator.

An eyewitness, Sadiq Abdulwahab, said he had returned from watching football on Monday evening when he first heard the teenager crying from a nearby compound.

"I had just returned from watching football and was sitting with a neighbour, Hajia Zainab, when we

heard someone crying inside the house. She went to check and later informed us that the boy was being beaten," he said.

According to Abdulwahab, the incident allegedly began after the teenager was sent to withdraw N5,000 from a PoS operator.

He said residents later learnt that the boy had initially visited one PoS operator but encountered network challenges before proceeding to another operator, where a transaction was completed.

"The mother said they sent him to withdraw N5,000, but they later discovered that the money had allegedly been withdrawn twice. They then began questioning him about the second transaction," Abdulwahab said.