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THREE persons are presently cooling their heels at the Kwara State police command in connection with the mysterious death of a two-year-old girl at Ile-Yerima, Okelele Area in Ilorin.

The deceased simply identified as Salima was dumped in a pit within the family house of her deceased grand father at Ile-Aladie, Yarima area, Okelele, Ilorin, after some sensitive parts of her body had allegedly been removed.

This gave rise to the suspicion that, the deceased girl, whose father is an herbalist,

must have been killed for ritual purposes.

The deceased grandfather, Alhaji Lawani Ishola, told newsmen that the incident was just unfortunate and that it was a deliberate attempt to implicate them adding that, no fewer than eleven people have been arrested since the case was reported to the police.

The blind old man said he was indoors when the incident happened and that his first wife and grandmother of the girl

were also around.

According to him, it was when a search team was trying to locate the missing child that, it was discovered that someone was inside the pit latrine following which experts were invited to assist in bringing her lifeless body out.

Meanwhile, the Kwara State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Gideon Marcus confirmed the report but said so far three persons are in their custody while investigations continue.

Suspected ritualists kill two-year-old girl