

Police arrest teenager for matricide in Zamfara

The police in Gusau, the Zamfara state capital, have arrested a teenage boy (names withheld), for allegedly killing his 60-year-old mother, Hajiya Maryam Mohammed.

The police command's public relations officer, Mr Lawal Abdullahi, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), yesterday in Gusau, that the suspect was arrested following a report from neighbours.

He said the neighbours heard the screams of the woman at about 4.30 a.m. adding that the boy killed his mother for refusing to give him N80,000 to buy a motor-

cycle two days ago.

"The boy confessed to have used a knife to slaughter his mother because she turned down his request for N80,000", he said.

According to the police spokesman, the deceased had earlier given the boy N60,000 to buy the motorcycle but he allegedly squandered the money.

He said the state's police commissioner has directed the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), to take over the investigation immediately.

"As soon as investigation is completed, he will be charged to court," Abdullahi promised.