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Three lads kill father in Kano

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Three members of a family appeared before a No-Man's Land Magistrate's Court in Kano yesterday accused of murdering their aged father in Bichi Local Government Area of the state.

Ado Haladu, 30, Habibu Haladu, 45, and Ibrahim Habibu, 19, were accused of taking the life of their father, Haladu Ado, of Agata quarters in Bichi Local Government after he vowed to harm by spiritual means any one of them who had a hand in stealing his cattle.

According to police First Information Report (FIR) read to the accused persons in court, Ado and Habibu were said to have sold two of their father's cows in Chiranchi town in Katsina State on 29 February, 2011 at the sum of N111, 000 and that when the father found out the livestock were missing, he threatened to harm whoever has a hand in the robbery.

The court heard that the stance taken by the old man did not go down well with his sons, following which Ibrahim and Ado allegedly conspired and strangled the father while he was asleep. "As a result sustained serious injury and was rushed to Bichi General Hospital where he died," stated the FIR.

The charge sheet added that a locally made pistol was found in the possession of Ado during police investigation. The three accused persons pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal conspiracy, criminal misappropriation, culpable homicide and unlawful possession of locally-made pistol, which are offences punishable under Sections 97, 309, 221 and 103 of the Penal Code.

The court, presided by Magistrate Auwal Suleiman, adjourned the case to May 9 and ordered the remand of the accused persons in prison custody.

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