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## Father wants justice over son's murder



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A 47-year-old retired immigration officer, Malam Abdulsalam Sani, has called for the quick prosecution of a gang, who allegedly stabbed and clubbed his eldest son to death inside a river in Gwagwalada on September 5.

The father of five, who resides at Old Kutunku community, said since his 27-year-old son, Hashimu Abdulsalam, was murdered inside Usuma River, his corpse cannot be recovered.

He said fishermen from Niger, Kebbi and FCT were contracted and they searched for the corpse for four days without success.

According to him, three youths from Kasuwan –Dare area of the town, accused his son of stealing their mobile phone and called him to meet them at Old Kutunku area, where he was persuaded to escort them to the riverside.

The ex-immigration officer said that one of his friends saw the boys with his son and inquired whether there was a problem and they said no.

He said one Sule Aliyu, was excavating sand from the riverside inside a canoe and witnessed the murder.

“He said there was an argument over a mobile phone and one of the boys brought out a knife and stabbed Hashimu, before pushing him inside the river,” the father alleged.

Sani said his son managed to hold on to grasses by the river bank but his attackers entered the

river, using shovel and stick to hit him continuously on the head till he lost consciousness.

He said his son fell back into the river and drowned, while the three attackers were apprehended by some men excavating sand by the riverside.

“Immediately after the incident, a witness, Sule Aliyu, rushed to inform the traditional ruler of Kutunku community (Mai Anguwa), who immediately sent some elders to Gwagwalada Police Station to get policemen. The suspects were handed over to the police and are in detention.

The father absolved his late son of the alleged theft or keeping bad company, adding that he was well brought up and very humble.

He called on the police to prosecute the suspects in court. According to him, since the incident happened one month ago, the police has not informed him of whether the case has been charged to court.

“Up till now, whenever I go to the police station, they will promise to contact me and I have not received any call from anybody. The police authorities should ensure that my son gets justice,” he explained.

At Gwagwalada Divisional Police Headquarters, a police officer said that the suspects were transferred to the FCT Criminal Investigation Department for detailed investigation.

When contacted, FCT Police Spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Doris England, confirmed the arrest of the three suspects for homicide. She said the case file is with the department of public prosecution, who are investigating the matter in order to charge the suspects to court.

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