



## Nigeria: Man Lynched in Zonkwa Over Child Theft

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Kaduna — A Fulani man, Musa Umar, has been lynched by irate youths in Zonkwa town in Zango Kataf local government area of Kaduna State for alleged child theft.

It was learnt the man was killed during the weekly Zonkwa market last Saturday when he was coming from Bauchi State along with a 13 year old boy, Yalop.

It also was gathered that the youths in the market pounced on him after he was accused of stealing the boy who was with him on a motorcycle. He was killed around 4pm near the market.

"The Fulani man was passing through the Zonkwa road and one of the youths around the market raised alarm that the man stole the boy he was travelling with. The boy is not a Fulani but they were together with him. Before the man could explain himself, the youths pounced on him. He died at St. Louis Hospital in Zonkwa," a witness said.

Elder brother of the slain man Mu'azu Umar said his brother did not steal the boy as alleged.

"We have long standing relationship with the family of the boy in Bauchi. The grandfather of the boy gave my brother the boy to assist him in cattle rearing. We want justice because my brother was killed for the offence he didn't commit," he said.

Grandfather of the boy Dauda Taru said he was the one who handed his grandson to the slain Fulani man. "He didn't steal the boy. I was the one that handed the boy to him because we have been doing that for long. I was surprised to hear that he was killed for allegedly stealing my grandson," he said.

Chairman of the Miyetti Allah in Zango Kataf Alhaji Shuaibu Usman said he decided to produce parents of the boy to prove the innocence of the slain man.

Spokesperson of the Kaduna State police command DSP Aminu Lawan said he was not aware of the incident.

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