



Nigeria: Boy Found Dead in Water Container in Kaduna

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Kaduna — There was confusion in Kakuri area of Kaduna metropolis last Thursday when a lifeless body of four-year old Johnson Michael earlier declared missing was found inside a water container in the room of his father's neighbour.

The incident, which happened at V1 Mani Street at Kakuri in Kaduna South local government, created tension in the densely populated area, it was gathered.

It was learnt that the boy, who was left in the care of his sister Happiness, got missing minutes after their neighbour sent the sister on an errand.

Daily Trust gathered that the neighbour simply called Jamilu, who is living with his elder brother Manga Mohammed, sent Happiness on an errand but when she returned her brother was nowhere to be found.

Narrating how her brother got missing, Happiness said Jamilu sent her to buy him a recharge card but when she returned her brother was nowhere to be found.

"When I did not see Johnson I became worried and I started crying. People around joined us in searching for him. We went round and he was nowhere to be found. After sometime, Jamilu's brother returned and he went to their room. It was at this moment that they opened one water container and they saw him. It was Jamilu's brother that took the corpse of my brother to our room," she said.

The boy's father, Michael Johnson, said when he was leaving for his workplace on Thursday, he left the boy in the care of Happiness.

"We are not enemies with my neighbours. We are good to ourselves but I'm surprised what made him to connive with his brother to kill my only son. I have six children and Johnson was my only son. What I want from the suspect is to return my son back to me alive," he said.

The boy's corpse has since been deposited to the St. Gerard Hospital. Spokesperson of the Kaduna State Police Command DSP Aminu Lawan confirmed that the suspects are in their custody.

At the Kakuri police division, the suspect denied strangulating the boy, saying the deceased fell into the water container.

"When I sent the boy's sister to buy me a recharge card, the boy told me he was thirsty and I went out to get him sachet water. When I came back, the boy was nowhere to be found again. After we all searched around, we saw him inside the plastic water container. His head was down and his legs were up," he said.

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