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FATHER ACCUSED OF KILLING EPILEPTIC SON FOR DEFECATING INSIDE ROOM

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A man at Iddu Gbagyi area of Karmo in the Abuja Municipal Area Council of the FCT, Monday, escaped mob action, after residents of the area discovered the dead body of his son, who was allegedly beaten to death by his father.

The seven year old boy was said to have being suffering from epilepsy and defecated inside a room after experiencing a seizure that fateful day.

He lived with his father and step mother, as his mother was no longer living with the father.

A neighbour told City News that the boy was accused of defecating inside their single room apartment, and kept the waste under his father's bed after concealing it inside nylon.

A source in the house alleged that the man beat the boy with a stick as punishment and dumped him at a place used for keeping fire wood, where he spent the rest of the night.

It was later in the morning, according to the source, that a neighbour raised an alarm, after seeing the lifeless body of the boy lying on the ground, where he was dumped.

Crowd of people, who visited the house on hearing the incidence, had attempted to lynch the man but he was rescued and taken to Karmo police division.

A police source at Karmo police division, said on Wednesday, the division received a report that a man had beaten up his seven year-old son to death.

The source said policemen went to the house and found the boy on the floor, adding that his lifeless body was taken to the hospital, while the father was arrested.

"The boy was confirmed dead in the hospital," the source added.

When contacted, FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, confirmed the incident and stated that what happened was that the father of the deceased sent him to the village to stay with his uncle in the village because he was ashamed of his illness. The uncle realizing that the boy's epilepsy was getting out of hand contacted his dad last week to come and take his son to Abuja for proper care.

"The father went and took his son, and whenever the attack started, the boy would be vomiting, farting and passing faeces all over the place," she said.

The FCT PPRO said on the day of the incident, the father of the deceased could not

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bear the sight of the mess his son made, he became angry and started beating him and the boy died subsequently.

She said a neighbour, who saw what happened contacted the Karmo police division and policemen rushed to the scene and saw a lifeless boy, took him to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.

The Deputy Superintendent said the father was immediately arrested for beating his son to death and that investigation is still in progress.

She said the man will be charged to court for manslaughter after investigation.

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