

# Woman held for beating stepson to death

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A 29-year-old woman, Jamila Abubakar, has been arrested by the Kano State command of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) for allegedly beating her stepson, Muhammad Bashir, to death.

She was later handed to the police for investigation and prosecution.

The NAPTIP Zonal Commander in Kano, Shehu Umar, said the woman was earlier invited to NAPTIP office over allegations of abuse of the deceased before his

eventual death on Thursday.

Umar said the woman was promptly arrested on Thursday at her residence near Tarauni Market in Kano metropolis.

"We received information that the deceased who was rescued a few months ago was allegedly clubbed to death by his stepmother.

"On receiving the information, operatives of NAPTIP went into action and arrested her. Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect had once confined the deceased in a room without food when they left home for their daily engagements.

"The suspect was invited and

the victim rescued by our team. The agency provided shelter and medication to the victim before reuniting him with his father.

"The couple wrote an undertaking that the boy would not be confined again," he said, noting that they also promised to take care of the child.

The spokesman of the command, DSP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, confirmed the transfer of the case from NAPTIP, saying the suspect is currently in the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), and investigation had commenced on the matter.