

*Police arrest 2 for 'killing' 3-week-old child in Nasarawa

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The Nasarawa State Police Command has said it arrested two persons for allegedly killing a three-week-old child.

The incident happened at Ungwan Maina, Lafia Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, on October 11, 2022.

In a statement signed by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Rahman Nansel, and obtained by Daily Trust on Sunday, the arrest of the suspects followed an intensive manhunt while the

suspects were on the run after committing the crime.

Nansel said the main suspect, Abdulkadir Ahmed, 40, asked his friend Hassan Sabo, also of the same age, to lure his estranged wife and mother of his three-week-old baby to his shop opposite the correctional facility in Lafia under the pretext of seeking reconciliation with her.

The PPRO said when the mother of the child arrived at the shop, the prime suspect, Abdulkadir Ahmed, took the child into the shop while Hassan Sabo engaged her in a discussion outside, but suddenly, the baby screamed and went quiet.

He explained that Ahmed immediately came out of the shop and the mother sought to know what actually made her child scream but she was deceived that the child had gone to sleep.

The mother of the baby was not satisfied with the explanation given by the prime suspect as she rushed into the shop and discovered the lifeless body of her child.

The PPRO said the culprits immediately left the scene on a motorcycle while the body was evacuated to Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia, by the police for postmortem

examination.

"The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Adesina Soyemi, ordered a thorough investigation into the unholy and wicked act.

"Police operatives attached to 'D' Division, Lafia, arrested the suspects, Abdulkadir Ahmed and Hassan Sabo, both males and 40 years old of Ungwan Maina, Lafia, for killing a three-week-old child," the statement further read.

He further revealed that the culprits, after a thorough investigation by the command's personnel attached to the 'D' Division, Lafia, were arrested

on October 10, 2022, at about 1230hrs.

"The police were notified and the body was swiftly evacuated to Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia, where it was confirmed dead and subsequently deposited at the morgue for postmortem examination," the PPRO added.

He stated that the investigation into the unfortunate incident is ongoing at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Lafia, after which the suspects would be charged to court for the prosecution to serve as a deterrent to others.