

Police recover body of missing Abuja farmer, arrest suspects

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Operatives of Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command have recovered the body of missing Abuja farmer, Hussaini Aliyu Takuma, in a well at Jeda Community in Kuje Area Council.

Spokesperson for the Command, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Omotayo Williams, who disclosed in a statement, yesterday, said some suspects have been arrested, while investigation is ongoing. He stressed that the victim's body was taken to Kuje General Hospital before it was taken for re-burial.

According to Williams, on June 4, a 44-year old man, Zakari Hassan Takuma, of Area 7 Garki Abuja, came to Kuje Police station and reported that on June 2, his brother, Hussaini Aliyu Takuma, 32, of the same address, visited his farm at Jeda in Kuje, but did not return.

He said on receipt of the complaint, detectives tracked 20-year-old Umar Mohammed, a worker in the farm and his friend, Ibrahim Yusuf, 18, who were seen at Kabusa on their way to Kano with rustled cattle.

According to him, during investigation, it was discovered that the animals belonged to the victim. He said 28-year-old Ephraim Mbaiga, also a worker in the farm, had also been arrested, together with other suspects connected to the matter.

Until his death, Takuma was the managing director of Takuma's Zoo farm. He has since been buried according to Islamic rites in Abuja.