

Man Allegedly Stabs Rival To Death For Raping Girlfriend

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A 20-year-old man, Sunday Williams of Kwaji village in Balanga Local Government Area of Gombe State, has stabbed his rival to death for allegedly raping his girlfriend while they were sleeping naked.

The Gombe Command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Superintendent of Police (SP) Mary Malum, disclosed Thursday while parading the suspects and 16 others for various crimes.

Malum said Police investigation revealed that while the suspect and his girlfriend, 18-year-old Alisabatu Mamuda were sleeping na-

ked, the deceased, 22-year-old Haruna Isah from Mona village sneaked into the room under the cover of darkness and had unlawful carnal knowledge of the girl.

The PPRO said, "The girl who noticed that it was not her boyfriend, alerted the suspect who sprung on his feet, grabbed a knife and stabbed the victim on his neck region.

"The victim was rushed to a nearby clinic where he was confirmed dead by a Medical Doctor. A long knife was recovered as exhibit from the suspect and the case will soon be charged to court for prosecution," Malum said.

The Police also paraded a 19-year-old Mohammed Sani Ahmed for allegedly kidnapping a seven-year-

old Hassan Abubakar of Kumbiya-Kumbiya quarters Gombe.

The Police image maker explained that during interrogation, the suspect confessed to the crime and stated that he went to Kumbiya-Kumbiya where he saw the victim in a mosque performing ablution and he sent him to buy a sachet of pure water for him.

She said, "While on the way, he followed the boy and picked him on a motorcycle to his house. He hid the victim for two days and thereafter demanded for ransom of N3.5 million from the father of the victim before the victim could be released.

Malum added, "When he saw that the ransom was not forthcoming, he decided to call one Aminu Babayo, the

uncle of the victim, telling him that he has seen the boy that was kidnapped and abandoned at Gabukka quarters.

"The said Aminu now pleaded with him to bring the boy to Gabukka, the victim's grandfather's house so that he can be appreciated. While jubilation was on-going, the father of the victim observed that the same number used in demanding ransom of N3.5 million was the same number used in calling the victim's uncle that the kidnapped child has been found," Malum explained further.

She said operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) operatives were then called and they swung into action and arrested the suspect.

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investigation is on-going and suspect will soon be charged to court for prosecution.

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