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and property. The main entrance was blocked by a vice station."

## Police Arrest 3 For Murder

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The Police Command in Jalingo, Taraba state, has arrested three people including a 48 year old man suspected to be responsible for the murder of the village head of Kole in Wukari Local Council of the state.

Briefing journalists in his office, after parading Hassan Musa, 48; Buba Saleh, 28 and Dotti Huseini, 19 years, the Commissioner of Police Mr Jibrin Adeniji, yesterday, explained that they were being held for allegedly conspiring to kill one Abdul Sarkin-Yamma.

The police boss said that Sarkin-Yamma, was until his death, in May, the village head of Kole under Bantaje district in Wukari council area.

"After investigation by the Police, these suspects were arrested on August 1 this year," the commissioner said.

He added that both Saleh and Huseini have confessed to committing the offense, but said

they were hired by Hassan Musa aka Maihula to carry out the act.

Responding to reporters' questions, both Buba and Dotti accused Hassan of mobilising them to commit the crime.

They said that Hassan was angry at the village head for making him pay N200, 000 as fine for injuring a cow and had promised them 15 cows each after successfully carrying out the assignment.

"Hassan gave us the gun to kill Sarkin-Yamma, but because I shot at him three times and missed, Dotti macheted him to death, after he fell into a ditch, in an attempt to escape from us," Buba stated.

Hassan, however, denied the allegations levelled against him by the suspects and said that he had never met them before.

He claimed that it was only a frame up by his enemies, and said that he would be vindicated in due course.