

Man, 27, Arrested For Raping Minor To Death In Kaduna

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A 27-year-old man, Shehu Bashiru of Yabati Ward in Sabon Gari local government area of Kaduna State has been arrested by the Kaduna State police Command for allegedly raping a two-year-old girl to death.

The suspect was arrested by policemen from the Sabon Gari Area Command following a complaint from the father of the late minor, Mallam Zakari Dahiru before he was transferred to the state police Homicide Department.

Speaking to journalists at the police command where he was paraded, the suspect said he regretted his action and pleaded for mercy.

He confessed to the crime and said he did not know what pushed him into the act.

He said, "To be honest with you, I don't know what come over me but I started flipping with my manhood which was already erected and, as if the devil want to punish me, the late Fatimah came into my room because we are neighbours and she is used to me.

"Immediately she came into my room, I stripped her naked and penetrated through her virgina. All of a sudden, she stopped breathing and I applied water on her head but that could not resuscitate her. From that moment, I knew that I am in big trouble.

"I became more afraid when her mother started asking about her and I told her I had not seen her that day. I

put together some of my clothes under the pretence of washing them but her corpse was hidden in one of them.

"It was in this process that her father came into my room, saying that he was informed that some people saw his daughter going into my room. I asked him to come in and check if she was there.

"He came in and went to my inner room but did not find anything. He came back to the sitting room where I was sitting with my clothes. On his way out, he stopped and said he wanted to see what was inside the clothes on the ground.

"When he scattered the clothes, he saw the corpse of his daughter and he raised the alarm which attracted other neighbours and the police was invited".

The father of late Fatima, Dahiru, who could not hold back his tears, told journalists that on the fateful day he was on his way out when his daughter asked him for money to buy bean cake.

"But I refused to give her. The suspect then came out of his room and asked for N50 to buy sugar which I obliged and it was the same money I later learnt he used to lure my daughter into his room", Dahiru added.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Kaduna State Command, DSP Abubakar Zubairu, said the case file had been transferred to the Homicide Department for further investigation.

According to him, the suspect is being detained at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).