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The Adamawa Police Command yesterday confirmed the arrest of a man at Ganji village in Gombi Local Government Area for allegedly beheading his five-year-old son.

Arrested with the suspect was a village head, who allegedly requested a human head for N1 million.

Parading the suspects before reporters in Yola, the state capital, police spokesman at Muhammed Ibrahim, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the boy was killed on July 24 at Ganji village.

He said Alti Alhaji, father of the first suspect, reported the incident to the Gombi Police Divisional Headquarters. He said the suspect took his son (Alhaji's grandson) to a bush but did not return with the boy.

The spokesman said when Alhaji asked the suspect where he left his grandson, he replied that the boy was on his way home.

Ibrahim said: "After a while, the grandfather and some members of the family went to the bush to find out what exactly happened.

"It was after searching the nearby bush that they discovered the body of the boy, which had been beheaded and dumped in the bush."

He said the suspect confessed that he committed the crime.

"When interrogated, he confessed and pointed at a village head as the one who directed him to bring a fresh human head at a cost of N1 million," Ibrahim said.

The police spokesman said the two suspects were under police custody for further investigation.

Answering reporters' questions, the first suspect alleged that the district head of a village directed him to bring a fresh human skull.

He said the district head promised to give him N1 million, if he delivered.

Asked why he sacrificed his son, the suspect said when the village head gave him the order, he lost his mind.

But the village head, aged 63, denied the allegation.

The chief insisted that he had no business with the first suspect, whom he said was not his 'age mate'.

"I didn't direct him (first suspect) to commit such ugly act. In fact, I was shocked when he pointed at me, that I directed him to commit the crime," the village head said.

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