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The Niger State Police Command yesterday paraded three suspects for allegedly beheading a 10-year old boy in Amale village of Kaffi-koro District in Paiko Local Government Area for ritual.

The police said Salleh Ibrahim conveyed the boy on his bicycle from Amale to his accomplices, Usman Sarki and Dantala Doma.

Sarki, a father of two, told reporters at the Dutsen Kura Police headquarters that he was contracted by a man he simply called Gajere, who is said to be on the run.

He said Gajere asked him to get a human head for money-making ritual, adding that he initially resisted the demand but later agreed to do it.

The suspect said he contacted Ibrahim, who promised to get someone, following the promise of a handsome reward.

Corroborating his accomplice, Ibrahim gave a gory description of how the boy was killed.

He said: "It was at this point I found this boy on Amale Road. I asked him where was going and he said he was going to his house. I took him on my bicycle to Sarki's house. Sarki and I took him to Doma's house where Doma beheaded him. Usman finally killed him and his head was removed."

The trio said they contacted Gajere afterwards and he asked Sarki to bring the head.

Following a tip-off, the police arrested Sarki in Minna, the state capital, with the boy's head concealed in a sack.

Usman, in tears, said: "Since we were arrested, Gajere, who contacted us for the job, has not been seen. If I must die, Gajere too must, because he gave us the job. Please, let them (police) bring him too. We are all in the deal."

Police spokesman, Richard Adamu Oguiche, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), said the command has begun investigation into the matter.

He said the suspects would be prosecuted after a thorough investigation.

The spokesman said because of the sensitive nature of the case, the police need would not rush their investigation.

"We want to make a discreet investigation so that we will not rush over it. We want to get to the root of the whole matter so that at the end of it we will take them to court for proper prosecution. This is a capital offence which needs a serious investigation," Oguiche said.

He added that the command has directed police outposts in Kaffin-Koro Division and its Divisional Police Officer (DPO) to contact the community leaders to know if there is a case of missing child.

"Up till this moment, we have not received any report from these areas," Oguiche said.

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