

# Man beaten to death in Bauchi for stealing watermelon

**T**HE Bauchi State Police Command has arrested four people for torturing to death a man identified as Ibrahim Hashimu for allegedly stealing seven watermelons valued at N2,000.

The jungle justice meted out to Hashimu was said to have occurred in Dallaji Village, Tudun Wada Ward in Warji Local Government Area of Bauchi State on March 29.

The deceased was accused of trespassing into the farmland of one Mohammed Garba of the same address before he was lynched.

Police Public Relations Officer, Bauchi State Command, Ahmed Wakil, disclosed this in a press statement made available to newsmen in the state.

According to him, one Ado Sanya, male

**David Adenuga, Bauchi**

(40) of Dallaji village Tudun Wada Ward, Warji LGA, reported the incident to the Warji Divisional Police Headquarters.

Wakil, a Superintendent of Police (SP), said the suspect's hands were tied with a rope and he was beaten with sticks by Mohammad Daluta (24); Ibrahim Mahmud (22); Bashir Mahmud (18); Abdullahi Mahmud (22); all males of the same address.

"On receiving the report, a team of detectives was quickly drafted to the scene to evacuate the victim to General Hospital

Warji for medical attention, from where they referred them to the Cottage Hospital, Gwaram LGA, Jigawa State, where he was certified dead by the medical doctor.

"An investigation commenced in earnest and preliminary investigation revealed that the victim, Ibrahim Hashimu, trespassed into a summer farm and stole seven pieces of watermelon valued at N2,000.

"In the process of taking away the stolen items, the owner of the farm caught him on the spot. He then conspired with others and beat him with sticks.

"Consequently, all the four suspects were successfully arrested and an investigation is still ongoing to explore all the intricacies surrounding the case."