

Man nabbed for ‘killing’ daughter



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Aman in Adamawa State, Ayuba Danbaki, has been arrested by the police for allegedly killing his two-year-old daughter.

The suspect who admitted to the crime, said he acted under the influence of alcohol(Burukutu).

Danbaki, 35, was alleged to have strangled the toddler to death after her mother took the the daughter to him at a local joint at Rigi in Ga’anda District, Gombi Local Government Area.

The baby’s mother, Shiyona Ali, said she took her to him at the local joint where he was drinking because she had become tired of tending to the child all by herself.

Witnesses said yesterday that Danbaki, who was angry with the child’s mother, her former wife, for foisting the kid on him in that manner, took the baby into the bush, tied her neck with a rope and strangled her.

He allegedly dug a shallow grave and buried her there.

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The crime was exposed after the toddler's mother reported to the police that he couldn't produce the child she left in his care.

In the course of preliminary investigation, the suspect revealed that he had buried the baby and led the police to where he buried her.

Asked what would make him commit such a crime, Danbaki said he was incensed by how the mother of the baby dumped her on him at a local joint.

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He said: "I used a rope and tied her neck, dug a grave and buried her. I am married and blessed with six children, including the deceased.

"I became angry with her mother's action. It was a mistake."

Linking his action to the alcohol that he took, he said he had realised the folly of his indulgence.

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"In fact, a drunk man sometimes defecates in his trousers, vomit or fall on the ground. It makes you do something you later regret," he said.

Spokesman for the police command, SP Suleiman Nguroje, said the Commissioner, CP Babatola Afolabi, had ordered due investigation and prosecution.