Kano police nab three for alleged kidnapping, killing of teen

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Ateam of policemen in Kano State has arrested three suspects for the murder of a 14-year old boy, Abdullahi Sani. The victim, the suspects' neighbour's son, was stabbed several times in the neck, police said.

It was gathered that the suspects, after killing the young Abdullahi, still demanded N4 million ransom cash from his father.

Police spokesman, Abdullahi Haruna, in a statement, said: "Investigation led to the arrest of the principal suspect, Ismail Adamu, aged 22, of Hotoron Fulani.

"In furtherance to the investigation, the said Ismail Adamu confessed to have conspired with one Risi of Mariri Quarters Kano and kidnapped the victim.

"The suspect further revealed that they took the victim to Sabuwar Zara village where they stabbed him in the neck and threw him inside a soak-away at an uncompleted building in Sabuwar Zara Quarters Kano, and later contacted the father and demanded four million naira for his release."

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Haruna, a Superintendent of Police (SP), disclosed that the crime scene was visited by police operatives where the deceased's body was removed and taken to the Abdullahi Wase Specialist Hospital, Kano, where it was deposited.

"Discreet investigation led to the arrest of two other suspects, Musa Usman aged 17 years of Hotoron Fulani Quarters Kano, and Abdullahi Usman, aged 20 years of the same address, who assisted the principal suspect in negotiating for ransom on a mobile phone."

Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Usaini Gumel, said the suspects would be charged to court on completion of investigation.