

Police nab young couple over murder of newly born child

POLICE operatives in Adamawa State have arrested a young man and his girlfriend for allegedly killing their son three months after giving birth to him.

Investigations indicated that both parents, 19-year-old Aliyu Yaro and his girlfriend identified simply as Safiya did not want the child.

Safiya reportedly threatened to either kill the baby or throw him away should Aliyu fail to take him

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away. Aliyu subsequently took the steps that ended the infant's life.

The Adamawa State Police Command which apprehended the couple on Friday said in a statement released yesterday that Aliyu who hails from Kwacham, a ward in Mubi North Local Government Area, had confessed to killing the infant.

The command said Aliyu had

taken police operatives to where he buried the remains which had been exhumed.

According to the statement signed by Police image maker, SP Suleiman Nguroje, Aliyu narrated how he impregnated his girlfriend Safiya and how after delivery, Safiya kept calling him to come and carry the baby.

Aliyu confessed that he went to the house of his girlfriend after she repeatedly called him. Getting there, he sent her on an errand, and

afterwards carried the infant and left for where he fed him with sour milk.

He further narrated that after the baby died, he carried the corpse around 9:00pm and buried it at a place in Mubi called Girpata.

"The commissioner of Police, Morris Dankombo, expressed worry and has ordered that the matter be transferred to CID for discreet investigation and diligent prosecution," the police stated.