

Man tortures 10-yr-old son to death

FOR allegedly being stubborn, 10-year-old Aliyu Rabiu, has been sent to his early grave by his father.

The father, 43-year-old Rabiu Yusuf, a resident of Maina Maji in Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State, told journalists, on Monday, at the Bauchi State Police Command headquarters, in Bauchi, while being paraded alongside other suspects by the police, that he tortured the boy to death due to his stubbornness.

Yusuf, who said he never knew his action would lead to the boy's death, stated that he got infuriated with the deceased, following his running away from his house to stay with his mother, who he had divorced.

According to him, he had severally instructed the boy to return home but he refused, saying he had to go and take him home and chained him inside a room so that he would not run away.

"Trouble started when I divorced his mother and married another wife. My son, Aliyu, followed his mother to her new home and I was not in support of the arrangement.

"I called Aliyu several times to come back home because I want him to be in my custody as his father, but he refused, so I went to the mother's home in annoyance and brought him back home.

"When I brought him back to my house, I chained him and locked him up inside the room, so that he did not escape and go back to his mother, but unfortunately he died," Yusuf said.

Addressing journalists, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state police command, Haruna Mohammed, informed that Yusuf conspired with one Ismail Idris to kill the deceased.

According to the police spokesman, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Yusuf chained and detained the boy for a period of 10 days, but he later fell sick as a result of the ill-treatment meted to him by his father. He added that the boy was taken to Rimi Clinic in Bauchi, where he died while receiving treatment.

Meanwhile, DSP Mohammed informed that the police arrested one Sale Kawu and Abubakar Abdullahi, both residents of Kafin Yarima village in Bauchi LGA, who criminally conspired and deceived one Mohammed Sani of Kusi village and obtained the sum of N395,000 from him, under false pretence that they would make him rich.

The PPRO added that the suspects gave their victim "a carton containing some dried groundnut leaves and sand, well wrapped with cloths and deceived him that it contained millions of Naira, warning him not to disclose it to anybody."

He informed that the sum of \$1000 suspected to be fake, 18 pieces \$100 and 126 cut to size paper, were recovered from the house of the suspects upon a search by police.

In another development, DSP Mohammed informed that police detectives from Maina Maji division of the command, arrested a 51-year-old Murtala Rabiu of Rafin Ciyawa village in Ganjuwa LGA and Mohammed Nura Abubakar (23), with two locally made pistols and five rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition.

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