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## 55-yr-old grandmother allegedly throws grandchild inside well in Niger

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A 55-year-old grandmother, Aisha Ibrahim, has been arrested by operatives of the Niger State Police Command for allegedly killing her two-year-old grandchild.

The incident occurred at Karaya Fulani Camp in Rafi Local Government of the state.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the suspect threw her granddaughter inside a well in her residence after tying the child with a rope.

It was further learnt that the suspect was arrested by police operatives attached to Kagara Division while attempting to escape.

Sources said the suspect allegedly killed the child to cause pain to the child's mother.

It was learnt that the suspect's son, Bello Ibrahim, and his wife left their child in the grandmother's care to attend a naming ceremony in a neighbouring village.

The suspect and her daughter-in-law have not been in good terms since her (grandmother) son married the lady.

A police source told the **Nigerian Tribune** that the suspect, who had been looking for a way to deal with her daughter-in-law, took the advantage of her absence from the home to kill the child.

While speaking with the Nigerian Tribune, the suspect said: "I told my husband to tell his son to divorce his wife, but he refused to listen to me. My daughter-in-law is fond of insulting and assaulting me all the time, and the only way I could pay her back was to tie her daughter with the rope and throw her inside a well to die, so that

she will equally feel the pain and agony I have been going through as a result of her actions.

"We have been living in peace as one big family before my son married her. I have 12 children and all of us are living in one compound, so she cannot come from somewhere to destroy the family I have suffered for years to build," she said.

The suspect, however, admitted that her action was wicked, saying: "May Allah forgive me. What I did was wicked."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Muhammad Abubakar, confirmed the incident, saying the suspect had confessed to the crime.

Abubakar said she would be arraigned in court after investigation had been completed into the case.