

Kidnappers kill 7-yr-old boy after collecting N300,000 ransom in Ogun

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OPERATIVES of the Ogun State police command, on Monday, arrested four suspects in respect to the abduction and later killing of a seven-year-old boy, identified as Abdulmalik Musa.

The victim was kidnapped last Wednesday at his parents' house in Abeokuta.

It was gathered that the parents of the boy paid N300,000 to the kidnappers, who had demanded

for N5 million.

The kidnappers were reported to have connived with an uncle of the victim, Faruq Seidu, who was said to have demanded for some amount of money from the boy's father, Al-haji Abdulhammed Musa, to marry a third wife.

Seidu, the prime suspect, was alleged to have contracted three others to abduct Malik so as to forcefully collect money from his parents.

The boy, who recognised Seidu, was eventually

killed and thrown inside a river.

While parading the suspects, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, said the prime suspect claimed innocence of the crime.

He said one of the suspects, however, claimed that Seidu contracted them to carry out the job on his behalf and that he eventually killed the boy.

The PPRO said: "This is a case of a breakthrough in respect of an abduction

and murder.

"On December 11, a case of abduction was reported at Sabo Division in Ilupeju.

"About 24 hours after, the kidnappers made a request of N5 million and we asked the family to play along with them.

"The abductors later agreed to take N300,000, but after the payment, they still killed the boy and threw his body into the river, but they were eventually arrested by operatives of the police command," Oyeyemi said.