

Killers of 93-year-old father of ex-Plateau gov, Dariye, confess

Say deceased killed after collection of N10m ransom

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THE police on Wednesday paraded the alleged killers of 93-year-old Pa Defwan Dariye, father of a former governor of Plateau State, Senator Joshua Dariye.

Parading the suspects in Abuja, the Force Public Relations Officer (FPRO), Frank Mba, disclosed that the deceased was killed after his abductors collected N10 million ransom from his family.

Leader of the kidnappers, 53-year-old Jethro (surname withheld), an indigene of Bokkos, told newsmen that he hired others, including some herders, to abduct Pa Dariye from his palace and kept him in custody for some days.

He, however, said that the

boys he hired messed up the assignment and killed the man after the the ransom was paid.

Jethro said he decided to abduct the old man because "he is a good target to make money as his son was a one-time governor of Plateau State and senator of the Federal Republic without anything to show for it in the community."

All the members of the gang confessed to newsmen during their parade that they received between N400,000 and N1.2 million from the ransom.

Pa Dariye, who was kidnapped in June 2020 in his village, Horop in Bokkos Local Government Area, was murdered eight days after his abduction in the kidnappers' den.