

Suspected ritualist arrested burying nine-year-old girl with N1,000 in Kwara

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A suspected ritual killer, Alade (surname withheld), was on Saturday evening, arrested by operatives of the Kwara State police command for killing a nine-year-old girl, Faith Samuel.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Okasanmi Ajayi, in a statement on Sunday, said the suspect was arrested in Offa, while burying the body of the girl, who he killed at Ikotun area of the town.

The police spokesperson added that the body of the

girl was recovered with a N1,000 note buried with it.

Ajayi said: "At about 6:12 p.m. on Saturday, acting on actionable intelligence, a team of policemen arrested a man, Alade (surname withheld), in Offa, in the process of burying a corpse at Ikotun area of the town.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect had killed and was burying the nine-year-old girl by name Faith Samuel.

"The corpse was recovered with a N1,000 note buried with it and deposited at the mortuary. The suspect confessed to the

killing for money-making ritual.

"The parents of the deceased have been contacted, while the Commissioner of Police, Tuesday Assayomo, has ordered a discreet investigation into the murder."

In a related development, police operatives, on Friday, September 24, at about 6:40 a.m., received information about the kidnap of one Kafayat Jamiu (25), of Olupo farm settlement, Eruku in Ekiti Local Government Area of the state while sleeping in her room.

Ajayi said: "The com-

mand's tactical teams, in conjunction with local hunters and vigilantes, were dispatched by the commissioner of police to the bushes for a search, rescue and possible arrest of the kidnappers.

"The efforts yielded positive result early this morning (Sunday) at about 1:40 a.m., when the victim was rescued unhurt.

"The kidnappers escaped with bullet injuries, while one locally-fabricated assault rifle with four AK-47 live ammunition was recovered.

"Effort to arrest the fleeing suspects is being intensified.