

Police in Niger arrest two suspects over murder of 14-yr-old girl

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THE police in Niger State have arrested two suspected criminals over allegations of criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide.

A crime bulletin issued on Friday by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, stated that an incident of a suspected culpable homicide from Izom, Gurara Local Government Area

was reported on 5 June, 2023 at Gawu-Babangida Division.

The bulletin said that on the same date at about 1900hrs, a young girl, Ubaida Surajo, 14-year-old of Izom, was killed in her parent's residence, when the mother was at Izom market.

Abiodun said, "Upon receipt of the unfortunate incident, police operatives attached to the division

commenced a preliminary investigation and arrested the two suspects, one Nuhu Mohammed, aged 26, and 22-year-old Sani Usman both of Izom town at a tea joint in Izom on Tuesday, 6 June, 2023.

The bulletin noted that during interrogation, Nuhu, who was a tenant in the same residence, confessed that in the early hours of the day, there was an altercation between him and the

deceased's mother about her missing sum of N90,000 as he (Nuhu Mohammed) was accused of stealing the money.

The first suspect was said to have claimed that the accusation got him angry, after which he invited his friend, Sani Uman, to the house and attacked the daughter (the deceased) immediately after the girl returned from school.

The suspect was said to

have confessed further that the girl was injured in the head and strangled to death by him and his partner in crime.

Nuhu further said that they immediately left the scene, locked the entrance gate to the house from outside and went away until when the mother came back from the market and the crime was discovered.

It was further learnt that in the course of investigation,

a search was conducted and the following exhibits were recovered: six knives, two cutlasses, a digger, a blood-stained shirt belonging to Nuhu and some other pieces of clothes.

The police spokesman disclosed that the suspects had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Minna, for further investigation, after which they will be prosecuted.