Police arrest 2 scavengers who allegedly stabbed man to death for exposing them

THE Lagos State Police Command arrested two men, self-identified as scavengers, over the alleged murder of a man known only as Friday, who reportedly exposed their theft activity.

SP Benjamin Hundeyin, the spokesperson for the command, confirmed the arrest to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Saturday.

According to Hundeyin, an individual, whose name was not disclosed, complained to the Ilemba Hausa Police Division on Friday around 4:30 p.m.

The report indicated that around 11:00 a.m. on the same day, the complainant was in his residence when he heard his elder brother, Friday, aged 34, screaming for help.

"He quickly rushed to meet the said brother lying down in the pool of his blood, while two suspects, later identified as Abubakar Haruna, 20, and Mohammed Abdullahi, 18, were seen fleeing from the scene.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects are scavengers and had allegedly gone to an uncompleted building in the neighbourhood to steal roofing sheets.

"The deceased allegedly challenged them, which resulted in a fight. In the process, the suspects allegedly stabbed the deceased in the head with scissors.

"The deceased was rushed to the Navy Hospital, Satellite Town, where he was confirmed dead by the doctor on duty," he said.

Hundeyin said that the suspects were currently in police custody for further investigation into the murder, with the victim's body deposited at a hospital mortuary pending investigation.