

Court remands four for beheading teenager

A Minna Magistrate's Court on Wednesday ordered the remand of four farmers in prison for beheading a teenager.

The accused, Mohammed Aminu, 25; Ibrahim Sale, 35; Usman Saraki, 30; and Dantala Doma, 25, were arraigned in court on three counts of criminal conspiracy, abduction and

culpable homicide.

The Police Prosecutor, Inspector Hassan Zakari, told the court that a team of policemen, led by Chinyere Durugbo, arrested the first accused on August 24, 2013.

Zakari said the first accused lured

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one Ishaya Zagi and handed him over to the three other accused persons.

He said the three other accused took the boy to Lashi village in the Shiroro Local Government Area and

beheaded him before burying his remains in a shallow grave.

The prosecutor said some two other persons, now at large, requested the head for the purpose of money rituals.

He said the offences contravened sections 274, 97 and 221 of the penal

code law respectively.

The accused persons pleaded guilty.

Magistrate Hamidu Bima ordered that a bench warrant be issued on the two persons who requested the head.

He ordered that the four accused be remanded in prison and adjourned the case till July 7.