

Zamfara bandit killed, police arrest two extorting N3m

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Police in Zamfara State have gunned down one bandit and arrested two people for allegedly writing a threatening letter to villagers.

In the letter the two suspects were said to have told residents of Gyalange village in the Gummi Local Government Area of the state “to raise N3m within three days or the whole community would be wiped out.”

Parading the suspects in Gusau on Wednesday, the state Commissioner of Police, Usman Nagoggo, said the suspects – Bello Sani and Auwal Hassan – said the letter was pasted on the homes of the village head and the ward councillor.

He said the suspects inscribed a phone number in the letter through which the villagers would call their contact to deliver the money.

The CP said, “In the letter, the message was that residents must raise N3m within three days or the whole community will be wiped out.

“On getting this information, we launched a manhunt for the suspects and eventually arrested them, and they confessed to have committed the act.”

Nagoggo said Bello Sani was once a wealthy man in the community, but when his fortunes dwindled, he decided to raise money from the same community, using the threatening letter.

Nagoggo said the bandit was killed after they foiled an attack by him and his gang to attack Maitagwaye village in the Tsafe Local Government Area of the state.

“The bandits stormed Maitagwaye village in an attempt to commit their heinous crime.

“On receiving the information, we quickly mobilised to the scene alongside the vigilante group and engaged them (in a gunfight) and gunned down one of them.”