Teenage kidnapper kills boy for forgetting father's contact

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The Niger State Police Command has arrested a teenager and one other over the kidnap and murder of a 13-year-old boy, Yasir Salisu.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abiodun Wasiu, in a statement in Minna, said the victim went missing on July 29.

Wasiu said the suspects, Nafiu Umar, 18, and Usman Sabiu, 22, confessed to kidnapping the victim to collect ransom from his father.

"Usman Sabiu confessed to have conspired with Nafiu Umar and abducted the missing person to the house of Nafiu with the intention of collecting N100,000 from the victim's father.

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"Unfortunately, he claimed that the victim could not produce the father's contact to demand ransom and both suspects were identified by the victim, who are neighbours, hence the victim was strangled and killed by the suspects," the statement read.

The PPRO added that the suspects buried the body in a shallow grave by the riverside.

"However, the corpse was exhumed and deposited at the Umar Yar'adua Hospital morgue for an autopsy," the police spokesman said.