

Family starves relative to death over alleged witchcraft

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THE Nasarawa State Police Command has arrested two suspects, Hassan Ismaila and Mohammed Sani, over the death of their relative who died as a result of starvation.

The command narrated that the duo tied the both hands and legs of one Mr. Mohammed Sani over his alleged involvement in witchcraft, and kept him in a room for a long period of time until he died.

The acting Commissioner of Police, DCP Shettima Mohammed, made the disclosure at the command's headquarters in Lafia on Monday while parading a total of 18 suspects arrested for committing various crimes across the 13 Local Government Areas of the state.

He said, "On 30/11/2023 at about 19:30hrs, based on credible information that one Mohammed Sani 'M' of Agyaragu Tofa was tied on both hands and legs and locked up in a room where he starved to

death and hurriedly buried by his family members on the allegation of witchcraft.

"Police operatives attached to the 'A' Division, Lafia swung into action and got the duo of Hassan Ismail and Mohammed Sani, all males of Agyaragu Tofa, arrested.

"Efforts are ongoing to arrest all the individuals involved in the dastardly act."

The acting CP also paraded one Mr. Habu Yusuf for allegedly raping a five-year-old girl in the Nasarawa Eggon Local

Government Area of the state.

He narrated that the suspect who had previously raped two other young girls, was arrested following painstaking efforts by officers of the command.

He said, "Recently, a complaint was lodged at the Nasarawa Eggon Division by one Justina Samuel that she returned from the market and found out that her five-year-old daughter was walking abnormally.

"Upon enquiry, she revealed that she was sexually molested

by one Habu Yusuf, 21years old, of Egbukumu Area, Nasarawa Eggon. And upon receipt of the complaint, the suspect was trailed and arrested.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that Habu Yusuf had also sexually molested two of his elder brother's children between the ages of eight and 10 before nemesis caught up with him. He has confessed to the commission of the crime and investigation is ongoing."

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