

# Police arrest four kidnappers linked to minor's death in Bauchi

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The operatives of the Bauchi State Police Command have disclosed that they apprehended four suspected kidnappers linked to the death of a six-year-old boy, Shuaibu Safiyanu, in Sade village, Darazo Local Government Area.

According to a press release issued on Saturday by the command's Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmed Wakil, on March 20, 2025, Safiyanu Abdullahi, a resident of Sade village reported the disappearance of his son, Shuaibu, to the Village Head, Musa Isah.

Wakil explained that "Later that day, Abdullahi received a ransom demand of N3,000,000 from an unknown caller, who after some hours of rigorous bargains eventually lowered the ransome to N200,000.

"Responding swiftly to this report, detectives of Darazo Divisional Police Headquarters launched a comprehensive investigation that led to a breakthrough at a POS site nearby.

According to the cop, “On March 21, 2025, around 10:00 am, our police operatives arrested Rabi’u Muhammadu, a 23-year-old from Leka village. He was found to have the phone number and bank account number 0145285130 Ozochikelu Samson, Union Bank Plc used to make the ransom demands.”

He added that “during interrogation, Rabi’u Muhammadu identified Samson Ozoichikel, 35, from Sade village as the mastermind behind the kidnapping.

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“He also implicated two additional suspects: Muhammad Sani, 25, who goes by the alias: Jingi, and Musa Usman, 30, known as Kala, from Leka village via Darazo. All four suspects are currently in custody.

“Sadly, on March 21, 2025, around 8:30 a.m., the body of Shuaibu Safiyanu was discovered in a nearby bush tied up with a rope around his neck. The remains were evacuated to the General Hospital, where a medical doctor confirmed his death and subsequently released it to the family for burial in accordance with Islamic rights,” Wakili said.

The PPRO further revealed that the Commissioner of Police for Bauchi State has reassured the community that the Command is dedicated to achieving justice in this heartbreaking case.

He stressed that the investigation remains ongoing, and the case will be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for a thorough examination.

Arewa PUNCH reports that the Police command encourages the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the nearest police station.