

13 to face trial after botched abortion kills Bauchi woman

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The Bauchi State Police Command has announced that 13 individuals will face trial over the death of an 18-year-old woman following a botched abortion in Misau Local Government Area.

Spokesperson of the command, SP Ahmed Wakil, disclosed in a statement issued on Thursday.

According to Wakil, the incident came to light on April 4 when the police received credible information regarding the circumstances that led to the victim's death.

New Bauchi CP Sani-Omolori Aliyu disclosed the names of the suspects—Usman Umar (22), of Fawari area; Sallau Ayuba (21), of Lariski area; and Abubakar Mohammed (35), a 200-level student of A.D. Rufai College for Islamic and Legal Studies—lured the female victim (name withheld) and had sexual intercourse with her on multiple occasions at various locations, including Mahmood Lodge in Misau town,” he stated.

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Wakil said the repeated sexual encounters led to the victim's pregnancy.

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Upon discovering it, two of the suspects allegedly enlisted the help of Mohammed, who was paid N40,000 to terminate the pregnancy through an injection.

“Shortly after the injection, the victim’s condition deteriorated. She was initially taken to the General Hospital, Misau, and later referred to the Federal Medical Centre, Azare, where she was eventually confirmed dead while receiving treatment,” the statement added.

Wakil further revealed that the suspects confessed to the act during interrogation and named other accomplices linked to the case.

Those named include Alkali Kawu, Maule Mai Ride, Mai Tomatoes, Danguli, Yakubu, and one Kura, identified as a civil servant. Four other suspects are currently being investigated at the Divisional Police Headquarters, Misau.

The PPRO confirmed that investigations are ongoing, after which all suspects will be arraigned in court.