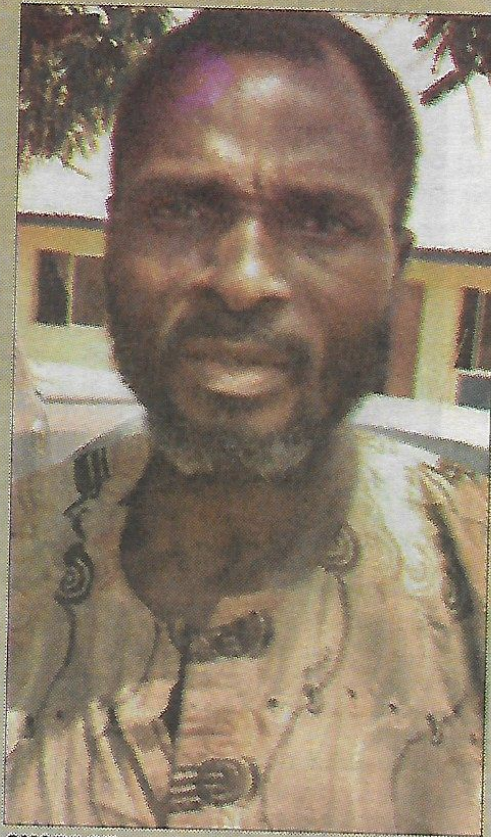


This is heartless

► Nasarawa farmer kills teenager in his farm, buries his body

► Says, 'He came to steal my yam'



SUSPECT

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A CRIME described as 'barbaric and heartless' by Nasarawa State Police Commissioner happened in a farm at Kokoto Village, Toto Local Government Area of the state.

Forty-year-old Jonah Adamsa spotted two youngsters in his farm at night, took them for thieves who came to steal his yams, and shot at them with his dane gun, fatally wounding one, while the other escaped. Adamsa searched the body of the dead teenager, and removed items from his pocket, including mobile phone and money, before burying the corpse in a shallow grave. Unknown to him, the second quarry who escaped, was hiding in the bush, and after witnessing the whole deed, went to town with the story. Consequently, Adamsa found himself on the wrong side of the law. Arrested by the Nasarawa State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), he is soon to be arraigned for the murder of 19-year-old Alhassan Haruna.

According to Commissioner of Police, Mr. Abubakar Sadiq Bello, the escapee-victim reported to the Maiangwa (village head) who sent for the suspect, searched his house, and had him arrested. Subsequently, Adamsa took the police to the spot where he buried the deceased.

narrated his side of the story to *Saturday Sun*. "I am a farmer. I always check my farm and discovered my yams were being stolen regularly by thieves. On this fateful day, I was in my farm when two young men suddenly appeared in the night and wanted to dig up yams. When I heard their movement, I flashed my torch. I wanted to stop them, but they refused, therefore, I had to use my dane gun and shoot at them. I searched the pocket of the one that fell, and removed his handset and money. I dug a grave near my farm, and buried his body. Afterwards, I went home. Later, the Maiangwa sent for me. I didn't go. They came, searched my house and arrested me."

The native of Toto Local Government, Nasarawa State, added: "I thought nobody saw me. The thieves had been coming to my farm, stealing the yams I had laboured for. I never wanted to kill him deliberately. It was anger and frustration that led me to shoot. I confessed to the policemen. I took them to where I buried the body."

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hamza Amoyi, confirmed that the homicide unit exhumed the corpse. "We have also recovered from him the Dane gun he used to shoot the deceased," he added.

Though investigation continues, CP Bello affirmed the suspect would soon