

2 arrested for killing 10-year-old boy after collecting N110,000 ransom

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THE Niger State Police Command has arrested two suspects, Abdulmajid Dan-Azumi and Abdulnafiu Usman, both of Kwanan Mariga, Mariga Local

Government of the state for allegedly killing a 10-year-old Yaseer Mustapha of the same address after collecting N110,000 ransom money.

The two suspects were said to have conspired and kidnapped the victim from the parents resi-

dent on July 24, 2025, while the parents were in the farm.

The suspects subsequently demanded a ransom of N3.5million from the parents, threatening to kill the teenager if the ransom was not paid.

According Niger State Police

Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Wasiu Abiodun, after much negotiation, the parents were able to raise N100,000 and paid the same to an account provided by the suspects”.

He disclosed that a month later, the parents were called again by the abductors to pay another N10,000 to one Abdulmajid Dan-Azumi, 32, of the same address which they (parents) obliged.

However, after the payment, there was no response from the abductors and this informed the decision of the parents to report the incident to the police in September, two months after.

“Immediately the complaint was received and transferred to the Anti-kidnapping unit of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), for investigation, actions were taken and the said Abdulmajid Dan-Azumi was trailed and arrested, which also led to the arrest of his accomplice, Abdulnafiu Usman of the same Kwana-Mariga.

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EFCC arraigns man for stealing in Enugu

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THE Enugu Zonal Directorate of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 arraigned one Ani Ugochukwu Augustine before Justice Ngozi Orji of the Enugu State High Court sitting in Independence Layout, Enugu, for alleged stealing.

He was arraigned on a one-count charge bordering on stealing to the tune of N1, 300,000.00 (One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira).

The charge reads: “That you, Ani Ugochukwu Augustine sometime in 2021, in Enugu, Enugu State, within the jurisdic-

tion of this Honourable court, did commit a felony to wit: stealing by fraudulently converting to your personal use, the sum of N1,300,000.00 (One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Naira) being property of Mrs Nsoke Veronica and you whereby committed an offence”.

The offence is contrary to Section 342 and 343 of the Criminal Code Law, Cap 30, the Revised Edition (Laws of Enugu State of Nigeria), 2004 and punishable under Section 353 (f) and (i) of the same Law.

The defendant pleaded “not guilty” when the charge was read to him.

In view of his plea, counsel to the EFCC, Assistant Commander

of the EFCC, ACE II Michael Ikechukwu Ani prayed the court for a trial date and for the defendant to be remanded at the Correctional facility.

However, defence counsel Ngozi Uzoma, attempted to make an oral application for his client's bail but Ani opposed the move on the ground that “this is a court of record and the proper thing should be done”.

Justice Ngozi Orji thereafter ordered the defence to file a proper application for bail before the court. The matter was thereafter adjourned to October 2, 2025 for hearing of bail application and the defendant was remanded at the Correctional facility.

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