23-year-old man held for robbery, murder

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Police yesterday said they had arrested one of the seven armed men who murdered a 19-year-old man, Ayuba Ibrahim, of Boyi village in Gurara Local Government Area of Niger State.

The police said the 23-year-old suspect, Habibu Suleiman, of Dawaki Town Hall area in Suleja Local Government Area, was trailed and arrested by a team of policemen attached to the Gawu-Babangida Division.

On May 2, 2020, police received information that armed robbers numbering seven invaded Boyi community in Gurara, robbed residents of their valuables and shot Ibrahim of the same area to death.

It was learnt that the police swung into action immediately and apprehended the suspect who confessed to the crime and mentioned other six members of his gang, who are now at large.

The suspect promised to take the operatives to the houses of his members in Tafa and Kubwa Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

Police also said the suspect and his gang members

Ibrahim

robbed a 45-year-old prophet, Samuel Omojuni Kandi, of his Samsung, Tecno A7 handsets valued at N61,000, ATM card and N34,000 cash.

The suspect, Ibrahim, told journalists that he only wanted to injure the teenage victim.

He said: "I never knew the police will ever arrest me.

"Honestly, I didn't know that the victim would die of the gunshot. It wasn't my intention to kill him, I thought he would only sustain injury. I'm ruined, my life is finished."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Wasiu Abiodun, said the suspect had confessed to the crime.

The PPRO added that the police were trailing the fleeing suspects.

He also said that the suspect, Ibrahim, would be charged to court after investigation.