Police arrest man who kidnapped, killed minor after collecting N.5m ransom

● I squandered money on harlots, drugs, gambling in Kaduna - culprit

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KANO—KANO State Police Command, yesterday, disclosed that a 24-year old man, Habibu Sale, who kidnapped and allegedly killed eight-year-old girl, Asiya Tasiu in Chikawa village, Gabasawa Local Government Area of the state, after collecting a ransom of N500,000, has been arrested.

It was gathered that the suspect kidnapped the minor, Asiya Tasiu June 6, 2020, and demanded the sum of N10 million as ransom but it was negotiated to N500,000.

The Command's spokesperson, DSP Abdullahi Haruna, said: "The culprit kidnapped the little girl, Asiya Tasiu and demanded the ransom of N10 million which was negotiated down to N500,000. They paid him the ransom but despite that, he refused to release her and at the end, he killed her and buried her in a shallow grave he dug.

"Since the matter was reported to us about 154 days ago, we have been trailing him.

"We trailed him to Jigawa, Kano, Katsina, Kaduna, Abuja and even to the southern state of Abia. But in the end, we succeeded in arresting him. We arrested him November 7.

"The CP has ordered that the body of the little girl be exhumed from the grave and handed over to the parents for burial rites," DSP Haruna stated.

Upon interrogation, the suspect, Habibu Sale confessed to having carried out the atrocities alone and has squandered the N500,000 on harlots, drugs and gambling in Kaduna where he fled to hide for the matter to die down.

Meanwhile, the distraught father of the murdered minor, Tasiu Mohammed Adamu, who spoke to journalists at the Police headquarters said: "The only thing I can not explain is why they killed my daughter after paying the ransom to them. This is very wicked of them. I need justice and I believe police will ensure that justice is done for my daughter."

The suspect.