Man, 18, kills three-year-old nephew for ritual in Niger

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Luck has run out on an 18-yr-old man who allegedly killed his three-year-old nephew for ritual.

The incident occurred in Lapai, headquarters of Lapai local government area of Niger State yesterday. Our correspondent gathered that the deceased, Hassan Ibrahim, a twin, had been declared missing on Friday by his parents.

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The suspect was said to have been contracted by his landlord to get a toddler for him for ritual. The suspect allegedly killed the boy but luck ran out on him when the dismembered body of Hassan was discovered by Okada man carrying him for delivery of the butchered boy.

Fresh blood of the deceased was said to be flowing down inside the sack and the suspect was stained with blood and the Okada man alerted the police while the suspect was apprehended. When the sack was searched, the body of the boy was reportedly found therein. The man, it was reliably gathered, is a brother to   the mother of Hassan and residing with the sister to learn how to   trade.

"The landlord who is also a popular cement seller in the town but who contracted the suspect to deliver body parts of a three-year-old child for ritual and the suspect have both been arrested and helping the police in their investigations", a resident said.

Irked by the development, some youths in the town set ablaze the house and cars of the notable trader who allegedly contracted the suspected killer.

Contacted, the state Police Command Public Relations Officer, PPRO, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the story, adding that the suspects were in police custody for further investigation.