

Man set ablaze grandmother in Jigawa



Handcuffed

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A 26-year-old man identified as Nura Mas'ud has reportedly set ablaze his grandmother, Zuwair Muhammad alive in Mu'azu village, Dan Gwanki ward, Sule Tankarkar LGA of Jigawa State. Mas'ud who was said to have confessed to the crime claimed that the late grandmother upset him by expressing concern about his physical appearance and health, which does not go down well with him and had on several occasions warned her but she refused, hence his action to buy petrol, pour and ignite fire on her at their family house.

The spokesperson, Jigawa Police Command, DSP Shiisu who confirmed this to newsmen, said Mas'ud has since been arrested.

DSP Shiisu said, "On 8th October, 2024 at about 1600hrs, the Command was notified of a sad and regrettable incident that occurred in Mu'azu village, Dan Gwanki ward, Sule Tankarkar LGA. "That one Nura Mas'ud 'm' age 26yrs of Mu'azu village, Sule tankarkar LGA, went to his family house with a petrol canister and suddenly poured it on his grandmother, Zuwaira Muhammad 'f age 60yrs of the same address, and set her ablaze.

"The elderly woman eventually passed away while being admitted as a result of the conflagration. The medical doctor on call certified her death and the corpse was released to relatives for burial according to Islamic rites.

"A team of police detectives from Sule tankarkar division quickly arrested the suspect and detained him in the cell. He was later ferried to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for a discreet investigation.

"During the interrogation, the suspect admitted to committing the alleged offence against him.

"A preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect suffers from mental illness and has been receiving treatment at Kazaure Psychiatric Hospital.

"The suspects further stated that, the late grandmother upset him by expressing concern about his physical appearance and health, which he did not want. He warned her on several occasion but she refused. Thus, he purchased gasoline, poured and ignited her.

"The Jigawa State Commissioner of Police, CP AT Abdullahi, directed the State Criminal Investigation Department, Dutse, to thoroughly investigate the case and vigorously prosecute the perpetrator in order to deter others from repeating it," DSP Shiisu however stated.