

**I've not been paid N200,000
'Yahoo boys' promised – Man who
stole baby for ritual**



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A 22-year-old Precious of Oroakpo community, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State, has admitted to the police that he sold one of the triplets of a family in the community for N200,000 to two Yahoo boys, who later killed her in the area.

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Precious who was paraded alongside the elder sister of the triplets by the Police said the remains of the little girl were buried in a shallow grave in the community, adding that at the time he was arrested by community youths, he had not been given the N200,000 promised him by the Yahoo boys.

He said: “They are triplets about 10 years old and sisters to my girlfriend (pointing at his girlfriend standing beside him). I first told my girlfriend that she should give me one of the triplets to sell to the boys but she refused, walked away from me. I went to her again.

“But later I sent somebody to call one of the little girls, when she came, I led her to the boys who killed her in the village in my presence and buried her.

“I was arrested by the community youths the following day when they were looking for the little girl.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Bright Edefe, who paraded the two suspects said the elder sister in her confessional statement admitted that the boyfriend earlier informed her of his plan, which she did not concede to, adding that the elder sister, however, failed to raise the alarm or even alerted her parents of the sinister plot by her boyfriend.

“The boyfriend came to the elder sister of the triplets to give him one of the triplets, so they could use for rituals. She declined but she did not raise any alarm, either by reporting to her parents or the community. That same day one of the triplets got missing,” the police spokesman said.

He said the girl only notified her parents when the child went missing and they were looking for her.

“While they were looking for her, that was when the elder sister remembered that her boyfriend had earlier asked for one of the girls to use for money making rituals. She raised the alarm, told her parents and they brought in the community youths, who later arrested the boy.

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“The boyfriend confessed that he took the little girl to two boys who wanted the child. He said they approached him for the child, promising to pay him N200,000.

“He said they had not given him the money when he was arrested by the community and the boy confessed that right before him that the boys killed the girl when he brought her.”

At press time, the Yahoo boys who killed the little girl were still at large. Precious who sold the child to them said he didn’t know where they were, adding that he never met them before he had the deal with them.