

Amori teenager admits killing his mom, siblings

HACHINOHE, Aomori Pref. (Kyodo) An 18-year-old arrested last week over the death of his mother and two siblings has told police he killed his sister, brother and mother in that order but has refused to say why he did it, according to police sources.

The mother, 43, brother, 15 and sister, 13, were all stabbed Wednesday in the neck by someone facing them and died almost instantly, the police said. Their bodies were found in their apartment in Hachinohe, Aomori Prefecture, following a fire that evening.

The suspect's name is withheld because he is a minor.

The police found tableware left unwashed in the kitchen sink and suspect the teen killed the three after a meal, the sources said.

The suspect allegedly told the police he killed his mother while she was sleeping.

As for his motive, he has only told the police they should look on his computer, the sources said.

The police recovered a PC from the burned apartment. Though it was showered with water used to fight the fire, the data on its hard disk may be recoverable, they said.

A neighbor reported hearing heavy footsteps in the family's apartment upstairs at about 7 p.m. Wednesday, about four hours before the started, according to investigators.

Neighbors had heard men and women shouting in the apartment over the past three years and asked

the family to keep the noise down.

The suspect was arrested Thursday morning near a train station after he reportedly resisted police officers looking for him. He allegedly was found to be in possession of several knives in violation of the Firearm and Sword Control Law.

He reportedly told police that he bought eight knives at a shop.

Woman killed on street

MATSUYAMA, Ehime Pref. (Kyodo) A Matsuyama man was arrested Sunday after allegedly admitting he stabbed a woman to death on a street the night before, police said.

People who know both the suspect and the 23-year-old victim, Akiko Fukada, told police the man had frequented the restaurant she managed and had been pressing her to go out with him.

The police said Fukada was found lying on a street near a convenience store in downtown Matsuyama at around 8:40 p.m. Saturday. She had been stabbed in the right side of the chest and died shortly after she was taken to a hospital.

The suspect, Hiromasa Kamo, 49, turned himself in at the Matsuyama-Higashi Police Station at around 8:50 p.m., allegedly saying "I did it." He was reportedly carrying a bloodstained 20-cm kitchen knife.

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