

Man kills aged father

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MIDDLE-aged man, Mr. Monday Eboigbe, has admitted to the Edo State Command of the Nigerian Police Force that he had to murder his 75-year old father in revenge for killing his siblings, during the week at Ekpan in Delta State.

The suspect, who was paraded before newsmen at the Command headquarters in Benin City with the murder weapon -- a hammer, said he did not want to die in the hands of his late father like his siblings hence he decided to act faster than him.

Mr. Eboigbe, who rationalized his action on the explanation that in the last three years, four of his own blood brothers have died under mysterious circumstances, said his father may have used them for long-life rituals.

He also said all was well between him and his father until his brothers started dying one after another without taking ill or being involved in any fatal accident at home or on the way.

While narrating his predicament, he said he had studied his father over time and come to the conclusion that he was actually responsible for the killing of his own son, because he was often in the habit of sending for his son and asking them for a carton of beer and a goat for a certain ceremony at their ancestral home.

He said he noticed how his eldest brother came home

a few years ago, bought his father the necessary items and he died soon after.

In the same manner, he said his other brother and a third suffered the same fate, after buying these items for his father and in return, all died mysteriously in the hands of their father.

Mr. Eboigbe said as a result of all these incidents, he went to divination and he was told that he was next on his father's list.

Tension in Badagry over beheading of 14-year-old boy

RESIDENTS of the Ajara Topa neighbourhood of Badagry have been thrown into mourning over the beheading of a 14-year-old boy by some faceless assailants.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that there has been tension in the area since Thursday morning when some villagers found the headless body of the boy near Texaco filling station on the Lagos-Badagry Expressway.

The boy, an apprentice at a place close to the petrol station, had been declared missing by his family on Monday when he failed to return home.

NAN reports that the headless body of the boy was discovered at the back of the filling station after an intensive

He said when his father asked him to purchase the said items in preparation for the same ritual which was misunderstood by his brothers to be some form of protection for them, he knew that his end had come.

He added that on this score, after he bought the items, he invited his father to Ekpan where he resides, lured his father into a bush path and without much ado struck him to death by hitting him on the

head.

Commenting on the incident the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Peter Ogboi, said the arrest was by the grace of residents around the neighborhood where Eboigbe lives, who alerted the Police when they noticed the sudden disappearance of the old man who was regular sight in the neighborhood.

He said the case would soon be charged to court.



Hafiz Ringim, IGP

in police custody undergoing interrogation.

Meanwhile, the corpse has been deposited at the morgue of an undisclosed hospital in Badagry, as the police continue their investigations.

NAN recalls that similar incident occurred at Ikoga in Badagry last year when a teenager was killed, under the pretext that he hanged himself at the back of a house.

search of the area.

NAN also reports that there was increased tension in the area, as the church of a pastor, who was a suspected mastermind of the crime, was destroyed.

DSP Dankoli Mohammed, the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Badagry Police Division, who confirmed the murder, said that the headless body of the boy was found, four days after he was reported missing by his parents.

"I can confirm the murder of the teenager who was beheaded, while his body was dumped at a location in Badagry," he said.

DSP Desmond Obe, also of the Badagry Police Station, confirmed that a pastor was among the suspects currently