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I was offered N50,000 to kill pregnant woman - Suspect

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A 28 year-old suspect, Mr. Edet Stephen Asuquo, yesterday alleged that he was hired by a council chairman to kill a pregnant woman for ritual purpose. He said he was offered N50,000 for the act. He made the confession at the Akwa Ibom State police headquarters. The suspect was arrested by the police on January 11, 2016, following report by the suspect's siblings.

It was gathered that the woman's corpse was found by the police at a nearby farm. Parading the suspect yesterday at the police headquarters, Ikot-Akpanabia, the state Public Relations Officer, Cordelia Nwawe, said "nobody has the right to take the life of another person. It is unacceptable. It means clearly that he murdered the woman and murdered a child as well". The police spokesperson said the suspect who was a customer to the woman lured her to the market to buy oysters and later followed her home to buy more. "But instead of doing that, he murdered her and hid the body with the hope of removing the foetus for rituals", he said. Nwawe said the suspect's sister who witnessed the crime reported to her elder brother who later

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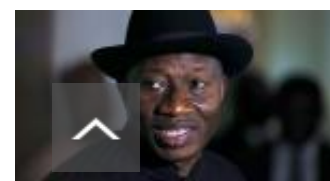
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alerted the police. But speaking to newsmen, the suspect, Edet Stephen Asuquo said, "what brought me to the police station is because of the job given to us by the village council chairman. He paid us (we are five in number) to kill a pregnant woman so that her head and her unborn child would be removed and used for a charm that will prevent the appointment of another council chairman. "He said that when we completed the job, he will give us N50,000 each. He did not give us any advance payment. After we had done the job, my brother became angry. He said that is not the kind of job I should be involved in. He called my elder brother and reported the matter to him.



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