

Police Arrest 4 Kidnap, Murder Suspects In A/Ibom

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Timfon John, who said the suspects confessed to the crime, added that the command was determined to rid the state of criminal elements.

John revealed that one English Pump Action Rifle, one Short Machine Gun (SMG), one locally made revolver pistol, eleven rounds of 9mm Ammunitions, and four rounds of live cartridges were recovered from the suspects' operational base at Ikot Oku Ikono village, Uyo LGA.

He said, "On 9/04/2024 at about 4:45 pm, based on credible information at disposal, operatives of Eket Division arrested one Godwin Adam Aka Nasarawa 'm' 35yrs of Idong Useme village, one Isaac Samuel 'm' 25yrs of Assang Usong Inyong, one Emmanuel Hanson Isong 'm' 29yrs of Idung Uso Village, all of Eket LGA.

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"Suspects confessed to be members of black axe confraternity and also suspected to be involved in the gruesome murder of one Kufre Usoro aka Promzy 'm' 32yrs said to be a member of Klanz cult group who was murdered on Thursday 4th of April, 2024.

"Furthermore, in pursuit of others at large, on 25/4/2024, at about 2:00 pm, the Divisional Police Officer of Eket Division, acting on intelligence gathered, swiftly mobilized police operatives from the division to Eket-Etinan Road and arrested one Victor Usoro Eyire aka Tender 'm' 35yrs of Iseyiridua Village, Eket LGA, along Eket/Etinan Road.

"The suspect has been on the command's wanted list for be a ring leader terrorizing Eket/Etinan/Ekparakwa Axis. Effort is intensified to arrest other fleeing gang members."