

# Man held for alleged murder

THE police in Bayelsa State have arrested a 22-year-old man for allegedly killing his step-mother with a pestle in January.

Police spokesman Ibokette Iniobong said the suspect had confessed to the crime.

He said the suspect used a pestle to smash his step-mother's head while she was sleeping in the family home in Kpansia area of Yenagoa on January 25.

Iniobong said the suspect fled Bayelsa with his mother after committing the crime but was arrested in Imo State.

The spokesman said the suspect blamed "evil influences" for his action.

He said the suspect would soon be charged to court, adding that the police were looking for the mother of the suspect.

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