Man held with human skull, bones

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A MAN was yesterday arrested with human skull and bones by the police in Badagary, Lagos.

Joshua Akindele, who claims to be a tout, was arrested under Gbaji/Iyafin Bridge around 6:30 am with a bag containing the skull and bones.

It was gathered that some policemen on routine patrol sighted him and ordered him to disclose the content of his bag.

He is suspected to be a dealer in human parts, but he denied that allegation under interrogation.

The suspect claimed the skull and bones were those of a sick friend whom he killed to save from the trauma of ill health.

Police spokesperson Ngozi Braide, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), who confirmed the story, said: "At about 06:30 hours yesterday, Joshua Akindele was arrested with old human bones and skull under Gbaji/Iyafin bridge, Badagry where he lives.

She said: "On interrogation, he confessed that the bones are those of a man who he simply identified as Muftau. He said both of them lived together under the bridge and that he was the person that killed him because he was sick and that he (Akindele) was tired of taking care of him.

"The suspect confessed to have killed Muftau with a cutlass to save him from the pains of illness and to also save himself the trouble of taking care of him."

Braide said investigation is on to ascertain if the suspect had killed other people in the past and the motive behind such action.