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... Suspect accuses mother of witchcraft

A 29 -year old- man has been arrested by the Anambra State police command for killing and roasting his mother in Ndikpa Awuka, a community in Orumba South local government area of the state.

The suspect, Ekene Ucheagwu, killed 65- year- old Agnes Ucheagwu in May, accusing her of using witchcraft to prevent the family's progress.

The police spokesman in the state, Uche Ezeh, a deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), told reporters at the office of the Special Anti- Robbery Squad (SAR) in Awkuzu that the suspect would face the full wrath of the law.

He said the suspect committed the crime after he was released at Umuchukwu police station for beating the woman mercilessly.

In his confession on Tuesday, Ucheagwu admitted that he killed his mother, alleging that the woman prevented the progress of her children and indeed that of the family.

According to him, his elder brother, aged 45, is still unmarried because of their "mother's witchcraft and curses on the children."

He said, "My mother was evil, I killed her because of her wickedness. This incident happened in May. She prevented good things coming to her children.

"She was a witch, she put curses on us not to progress. Others were blindfolded because of our mother's witchcraft. Because I was the only that knew her plans, she was always attacking me.

"I killed her because she planned to kill me because I called her 'Queen of the coast' (her spiritual name). But I had to act fast and kill her first.

"My mother was a witchcraft living in the sky, I killed her and burnt her body in the bush called Ogbukwu with fuel and firewood."

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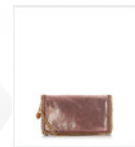
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