

# Four held over killing of hunchback

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FOUR persons including a native doctor have been arrested for allegedly killing a 62-year-old hunchback for money rituals.

They were apprehended during a stop and search at Sabongida-Ora in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State.

The suspects are: Aluma Sunday; Peter Olotu; Philip Ogeneka and Sunday Ogono

The suspects were arrested while taking the victims' hunch to the native doctor's residence in Ondo State.

Speaking during a parade at the police headquarters, the suspects said poverty drove them to look for where to make quick money.

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Aluma said he hails from the same village as the victim and that it was Peter that killed the victim.

Peter told newsmen that he lured the victim to accompany him to the farm where he strangled him and cut off the hunch.

He said he left the body to rotten away and that it was when they were arrested that he took the police to where he killed the victim.

Peter said he took the hunch to Aluma who placed it inside a pot of honey for preservation before they were arrested.

The native doctor, Philip, denied asking the suspects to provide a hunch back for money rituals.

The state's Police Commissioner, Haliru Gwandu, urged the public not to panic about stop and search operations of the police.

He said the suspects would be charged to court after investigation.