

NEWS

Police arrest suspected *yahoo* boys with human parts

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THE police anti-terrorist squad at Jeddo-Ughoton bridge in Okpe Local Government of Delta State has arrested three suspected Internet fraudsters, also called *yahoo* boys, with human parts.

The incident reportedly occurred last week.

Although efforts to get a police confirmation of the incident at the weekend were unsuccessful, a source told The Nation that there might be efforts to shield the information about the arrest from the public, for unknown reasons.

It was gathered that the *yahoo* boys, who were suspect-

ed to be involved in ritual murders, were nabbed by the police team, which was on a stop-and-search operation around the area, an outskirts of Warri metropolis.

According to sources, the suspects were waved down by the police team to search their vehicle. The team discovered coolers filled with drinks, including expensive foreign drinks.

The sources said luck, however, ran out on the suspects when the police did a thorough search of the coolers and found human parts, mostly of female victims, hidden under the drinks and iced blocks.

"The police team, after discovering the human parts, arrested the suspects and interrogated them," the sources added.

Efforts to confirm the report proved abortive, as those who should speak were not forthcoming.

Police Commissioner Muhammad Mustafa did not answer calls. He also did not respond to an SMS.

Spokesman Andrew Aniamaka said he was unable to confirm the incident.

He said: "I've called the DPOs that should have something to say about whatever happened around the area you mentioned. They said they have not heard anything like that."

However, a senior police officer in Warri, who spoke

on condition of anonymity, described the circumstances surrounding the reported arrest as "a flying catch", meaning an illegal and undocumented occurrence between a suspect and law enforcement agents.

He said: "What I've found out is that what really happened is what we refer to as 'a flying catch'. It means that indeed those boys might have been stopped and searched by the team. The

incriminating items were discovered, but it is still possible that at that instance, the suspects, being what they are and, as you would expect, having so much money, if they had offered the officers any amount and if they, I mean the officers, are unscrupulous, they will be settled and let the suspects go.

"That is what we suspect because there is no record of any arrest like that. But it might have happened."

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