

2 I mistook 78-year-old for antelope, hunter tells police

POLICE in Osun have arrested a hunter, who allegedly shot and killed the 78-year-old Imam of Alaguntan village in Orile-Owu, Aiyedaade Local Government Area, whom he mistook for antelope.

The command's spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola, made this known during the parade of suspects at the state police headquarters in Osogbo yesterday.

She said: "On April 17, at about 11:30 a.m, a complainant from Ogbere Oloba area of Ibadan reported at a police station that his father, one Adegun Yusuf, 78, the Imam of Alaguntan village in Orile-Owu, was shot dead by a hunter from the same village.

"The suspect was later arrested and he confessed to the alleged crime.

"He said he was on a hunting expedition when he saw an antelope in the bush, which he shot with his Dane gun, but that he was surprised when he went to pick up the antelope and met Baba Imam on the ground."

Opalola said that the suspect would be charged to court after the completion of investigation.

Also, the police spokesperson said that the command also arrested a 27-year-old man, who was allegedly sending telephone messages to a lawmaker in Osun and a judge, threatening to kidnap them and their children.