

# I regret taking my pastor's advice, woman who killed mum over witchcraft laments

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A 30-year-old woman, Blessing (surname withheld), arrested and paraded by the Ondo State police command for killing her mother, Ijeoma Odo, over alleged witchcraft, has expressed regrets, saying, "I regret taking to my pastor's advice to kill her."

Blessing confessed to killing her mother with a cutlass following the revelation by her pastor that her mother was a witch and was responsible for her insanity.

Speaking during her parade, Blessing explained that she had been battling with mental illness for a while and had approached her pastor for spiritual cleansing, when he said her mother was behind her problem.

The mother of four, who hails from Enugu State, said she pleaded with her mother to set her free from the sick-

ness, but she denied having a hand in her predicament.

The suspect, after her mother refused to 'set' her free from the ailment, followed her to the farm in Ile Oluji, in Ile Oluji/Oke-Igbo Local Government Area of the state, where she hacked her to death while working on the farm.

According to her, she attacked the deceased and used a cutlass to cut her neck.

She said: "My pastor made me kill my mother after he told me that she was a witch and was responsible for my insanity.

"I went to appeal to her to set me free from the affliction, but there were no changes, and I decided to kill her when we were working on her farm.

"I had no intention to kill her, but when the pastor said she was responsible for my insanity, I decided to kill her to regain my sanity."