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# Herbalists kill customer, share body parts for alleged money ritual

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**T**WO herbalists on Saturday narrated how a customer, one 35-year-old Ayo, who approached them for money ritual was killed and his dismembered body parts shared for alleged money ritual.

One of the herbalists, Faseun Afolabi, who was paraded by the Osun State police command while speaking with newsmen disclosed that he was approached by Ayo who allegedly said he wanted quick means to wealth through money ritual.

According to Afolabi, who claimed that he warned his victim that he had never done such before, "Ayo insisted that he wanted to get rich by all means."

He added that he approached another herbalist friend, Fadare Afolabi, who convinced him to rather use Ayo, who had come for money ritual for their own money ritual.

In his words: "Ayo came to my place for money ritual and I told him it's hard but he insisted that he wanted it. I approached my friend, Fadare who told me that we can use the boy for our own money ritual.

"Fadare called one man called Taiwo and he gave the boy one medicine. I held his leg while Faseun held his hands; Taye strangled him.

"I was given his two hands and the heart. I sold one hand for N20,000 while I gave out the other hand and the heart for free," Faseun narrated.

The suspects who were paraded by the state police commissioner, Woke Olokode at the police headquarters in Osogbo, alongside four others who gave their names as Adeleke Kabiru, Oloyede Maruf, Oseni Mukaila and Badmus Sairu, admitted

guilt of the offence.

Olokode while speaking with newsmen said on May 24, 2021, the mother of the victim lodged a complaint with the Police that her son, Fasesan Ayoade Moses left the house that he was going to the studio and since then, he had not returned home.

The police boss said detectives from the anti-kidnapping unit swung into action and conducted investigation, which yielded the arrest of Faseun Afolabi.

"The suspect who initially denied knowledge of the whereabouts of the victim, confirmed that he knew him. After diligent investiga-

tion and intelligence-led evidences, the suspect, Afolabi finally confessed to have conspired with two of his cohorts Fadare Afolabi and Taiwo to kill the victim.

"They also confessed to have butchered and sold the heart to Adeleke Kabiru at the cost N15,000 while the head, leg and wrist were sold to Adeleke Kabiru, Oloyede Maruf, Oseni Mukaila and Badmus Sairu," he said.

The police boss stated that in view of the facts, the investigation team took immediate action and succeeded in arresting all the suspects except Taiwo who is now at large.

He said the principal suspect

led detectives to Fidibomi area of Ikirun where the victim was killed, butchered and the remaining parts buried.

"The remains of the deceased were exhumed and taken to UNIOSUN morgue for autopsy where the mother of the victim identified the last cloth worn by her son (deceased)."

In his own confession, Fadare said he used the deceased's head and legs for money ritual.

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