

Suspected ritualist found with fresh human head in Ondo dies in police custody

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A suspected 55-year-old ritualist, Tunde Olayiwola, who was caught with fresh human head in Ondo town, headquarters of Ondo West Local Government Area of Ondo State, has mysteriously died in police custody after slumping some 48 hours after his arrest.

It was gathered that suspect was observed to have slumped while in detention and was rushed to the hospi-

tal where he eventually died while receiving treatment.

Olayiwola, who was nabbed and paraded with fresh human head by men of the state police command on Thursday, had confessed to the crime.

The suspect, who claimed to be a herbalist, had disclosed that he ordered for the fresh human head from one of his customers at the cost of N60,000 in order to use it for money making ritual to ensure a better life for himself.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmilayo Odunlami, who confirmed the suspect's death, said Olayiwola was discovered to have slumped while in custody.

According to Odunlami, the 55-year-old man could not talk and was rushed to the police clinic where he was being treated, until he gave up the ghost.

She said the police would conduct an autopsy to unravel the cause of the death, just as she added that inves-

tigation was still ongoing to nab others involved in the crime he committed.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Oyeyemi Oyediran, had last Thursday, paraded the suspect who was arrested after intelligence report revealed he was about to receive a consignment.

Oyediran said the suspect was apprehended with the fresh head delivered to him and confessed that the head was meant to be used by him to ensure a better life.