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I was promised N30m to deliver human parts for ritual — Suspected ritualist confesses

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A suspected ritualist, Timothy (surname withheld), who was arrested with human parts by men of the Amotekun Corps in Ondo State, has confessed that he was promised N30 million if he could produce and deliver the parts to Lagos.

The 35-year-old, who made this confession while speak-

ing with newsmen after he was paraded by Amotekun operatives in Akure, said the human parts were meant to be sold to someone who contracted him for rituals.

Odeniyi, a truck driver with a brewery company, was arrested in Ondo town, headquarters of Ondo West Local Government Area of the state, said the human parts were billed to be delivered to one of his bosses in the waste disposal section for

money ritual.

He said: "I went to the burial ground to cut the legs and hands of one of the corpses buried there. Before I was caught, I had planned to take the human parts to the person who sent me in Lagos. He promised to pay me N30 million once I delivered the items.

"I only went to the burial ground in Sabo area of Ondo town to cut the parts. I didn't kill anybody and this

is my first time. I used to be a trailer driver

"The person who sent me used to be my boss when I used to drive a truck. I used to dump them in a waste bin and he would send those who would pick them."

But the Amotekun Commander in the state, Chief Adetunji Adeleye, dismissed the suspect's claims, saying the suspect purposely killed the victim before severing the parts and hurriedly buried the

body in a shallow grave.

Adeleye said: "We want to intimate the public on the need to be very careful. Of late, the trend is shifting gradually from daily kidnapping to ritual killings. The public should be generally careful about the craze to make money by these young men.

"We have a suspect in our custody, Timothy, who was caught and arrested with legs and hands of human beings wrapped in paper.

"Upon interrogation, he took us to where he severed the body of the person killed and hurriedly buried the person in a shallow grave.

He was arrested in Ondo town and committed the crime on January 30.

The Amotekun boss also disclosed that about 35 suspected kidnappers, armed robbers and vandals have been apprehended by the men of the state security outfit.