Suspected ritualist offers N1m bribe to police to evade arrest in Ogun

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A suspected ritualist, Ifasoji (surname withheld), has been arrested by operatives of the Ogun State police command in Jjebu-Ode area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Abimbola Oyeyemi, said the suspect offered the police N1 million bribe to evade arrest.

The suspect was reported to have been responsible for the killing of one Oyindamola Adeyemi last January.

Oyeyemi said other members of Ifasoji's gang had earlier been arrested before his eventual arrest following intelligence-based investigation embarked upon by detectives from the Obalende division.

The suspect was said to have been arrested at his hideout around lloti area of the town

Oyeyemi said: "The suspect, 35-year old Ifasoji (surname withheld), whose other members of his gang had ear-

lier been arrested, was apprehended following painstaking intelligence-based investigation embarked upon by detectives from Obalende divisional headquarters, which led them to his hideout at liade-lloti area of liebu-Ode.

"The suspect, who has been indicted by the earlier arrested members of the syndicate as the person who bought the two legs of the victim, fled immediately he heard that he had been mentioned by his colleagues.

"Since then, the DPO, Obalende division, SP Murphy Salami, detailed his detectives to be on his trail with the view to arrest him and possibly recover the deceased's two legs and prosecute him with his colleagues-in-crime.

"Luck however ran out on him when he was apprehended at his Ijade-Iloti hideout on April 28.

"Immediately he was arrested, he made an offer of N1 million bribe to the policemen, which was rejected."