

# Police arrest suspected ritualists over death of 100-level OAU student

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**T**HE police in Ogun State have arrested two persons suspected to be ritualists over the death of a 100-level student of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State, identified as Quadri Salami.

The command, in a statement made available to newsmen by its spokesperson, Omolola Odutola, said the victim was declared missing on November 8 and

that the matter was reported at Kemta police station on November 14, when all efforts to locate him proved abortive.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamutu, led a team of Tactical Squad to Mile 6 in Ajemo area of Abeokuta, to a shallow grave to exhume the decomposing body parts of the deceased after a tracking clue beamed at one Akeem (surname withheld).

The suspect was said to have been arrested for being in possession of the victim's

phone.

Upon interrogation, Akeem was said to have identified one Ifalowo (surname withheld) as his accomplice, adding that the victim was slaughtered while his vital organs were dismembered for ritual purpose.

The statement reads in part: "The Ogun State police command has unravelled the disappearance of one Quadri Salami, an 18-year-old 100-level student of Obafemi Awolowo University, whose father reported at Kemta police station on November 14

as a case of a missing person, that since November 8, he had not set his eyes on his son and all efforts to locate him had proved abortive.

"The Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamutu, made a breakthrough today [Wednesday] December 6, when he personally led a team of tactical squad operatives to Mile 6 at Ajebo area of Abeokuta, to a shallow grave to exhume the decomposing body parts of the deceased after a tracking clue beamed at one Akeem (surname withheld), who was arrested in

possession with the victim's phone.

"He implicated one Ifadowo (surname withheld), that both of them committed the crime by slaughtering the victim and dismembered his vital parts for ritual purposes.

"Ifadowo went away with Quadri's head and his two wrists and paid the sum of N100,000 into Akeem's account as proceeds from the sale of the human body parts.

"The suspects thereafter continued to sell the victim's other body parts on demand to internet fraudsters and

buried the heart, two legs and flesh inside a plastic rubber for rituals and used the remaining parts for 'Awure.'

"In their confessional statement, the duo admitted that they had used four other human heads for money rituals known as 'Osole.'

The PPRO said the suspects are now at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Elewera for continuation of investigations into the case, adding that they will definitely be prosecuted.