Man arrested for butchering four-year-old boy

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THE Delta State Police ▲ Command on

Wednesday revealed how it arrested a man who allegedly dismembered a four-

vear-old boy for rituals. suspect, Daniel The Igheni, was reportedly found with an unconscious

boy around the Ughelli Main Market. Suspicious traders

alerted the police at the nearby divisional headquarters. Policemen discovered

that the body of the boy had been mutilated: his lower abdomen ripped open and his right thigh severed in an attempt to remove his genitals.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Okuwobi, an assistant superintendent of police. confirmed the arrest. The police spokesman

said Igheni alleged that he was contracted by a medical doctor (name withheld) to get the fresh genitals of

a boy.

drama when the dismembered boy was taken to the mortuary of the Ughelli Cen-

tral Hospital. There, mortuary attendants observed that the boy was still breathing.

The hospital's medical director immediately swung into action and revived the boy, who later told hospital staff his name. Okuwobi said investiga-

tion was at an advanced stage. In a related development, the police have also ar-

rested a 25-year-old man

for allegedly being in possession of a human skeleton in Obi-Anyima village near Abavo, Agbor. Police sources said the

arrest was made following a tip off from the villagers. The dry bones have been recovered from the susnect. Also, a man has told a

story of how he killed a marauding goat on his farm that later transformed into

a human being. The suspect, now in police custody, said he was working on his mother's

farm in Isseluku, when he

saw a herd of goats destroy-

ing the crops on the farm. He said although he chased the goats away, a particularly stubborn one

did not yield. He said he then attacked the animal with an axe. According to him, he

death in the village.

changed into a man. That man later turned out to be one Uche Obi. who was found hacked to

fled when the mammal

Suspect in court for stealing CD player

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27-year-old man, Steven Odokuna, has

half bag of rice at N4, 000 and N4, 500 respectively. The VCD and rice

were stolen from the apartment of Mr. Sun-