

Stepson kills man for having sex with father's wife

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A 41-year-old man, King Akpanke, has been arrested by the police in Cross River State for allegedly killing his stepmother's lover for having sex with her in his late father's house.

Akpanke, who confessed to committing the crime at the police headquarters in Calabar, said before the incident he had on several occasion warned the deceased against coming to his late father's house to have sex with his stepmother.

This came just as the command also paraded 14 suspected cultists belonging to a cult group identified as *Skylo*.

Speaking with *PUNCH Metro* on the incident leading to the death of the deceased, whose identity was not disclosed, Akpanke said he acted in self-defence.

He said, "On that day, he came to my house around 9am to abuse me. There was nobody in the house. The house belongs to my late father and I am the third son. So, when he started abusing me, we fought. He brought a stick, but I went inside and took a knife and stabbed him in the head.

"I later discovered that he had died. It was a mistake. The young man was having regular sex with my late father's wife. I warned him several times to stay off the house, but he refused. He was always in our house to have sex with her. He called me all sorts of names. He planned to kill me."

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Henry Fadairo, who briefed journalists on the success of the command, said the 14 cult suspects were arrested on January 29, 2016, following a tip-off.

According to Fadairo, the suspects were arrested while meeting at a primary school on Howell Street in Calabar-South.

Fadairo said, "On January 29, 2016, we got a tip-off from concerned residents that members of a notorious cult called *Skylo* were meeting in a primary school on Howell Street.

"Our men from the Efut Police Division and *Operation Skolombo* immediately swung into action and arrested 14 members of the cult. One of them, a wanted criminal in connection with a murder case, was also arrested."

The commissioner also stated that on January 18, the command recovered two locally-made pistols, six cartridges, four handsets and a driving licence from suspected criminals.

"In the period under review, the command also recovered a stolen vehicle belonging to one Egeh at the

Etung Local Government Area,” he added.

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