

Man arrested for allegedly hacking mother to death

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Police officer

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A man identified as Alexander Peter has been arrested by the Akwa Ibom State Police Command for allegedly hacking his 71-year-old mother, Mrs Atiny Peter, to death with a machete.

The incident occurred in Ikot Inyang village, located in Oruk Anam Local Government Area of the state.

The arrest was confirmed by the state Commissioner of Police, Baba Azare, during a press briefing held on Thursday, at the police headquarters in Ikot Akpan Abia, Uyo.

Azare disclosed that the suspect was apprehended on June 10, and that investigations are currently ongoing to determine the motive behind the brutal act.

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“The gruesome incident occurred in Ikot Inyang Village, Oruk Anam Local Government Area, where the suspect reportedly used the machete to hack his mother to death,” Azare said, noting that the command is working to “unravel the circumstances surrounding the incident and determine the motive behind the heinous crime.”

The murder has sparked concern in the community, with residents shocked over the violent death of the elderly woman at the hands of her own son.

Police say more details will emerge as investigations progress.

The CP also announced that a total of 54 suspects were arrested across the state in the last six weeks for various criminal offences and over 50 arms and rounds of ammunition were recovered.