

Man, friends nabbed over secret deposit of

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Chibuzo and two of his friends are currently helping the Benue State Police Command to unravel the mystery behind his brother's death.

They are to explain how Emmanuel was killed and his corpse secretly deposited in the mortuary without involving the police.

According to Chibuzo, who claimed to be an apprentice at a furniture workshop in Makurdi, he returned home at

about 10pm only to find his brother dead on the floor and in the pool of his blood.

"I had gone to visit a neighbour after I returned from work that night. On getting back home at about 10pm, I saw my brother soaked with blood on the floor and when I asked, some of



Suspects

brother's corpse in mortuary

our co-tenants told me some cultists came and attacked him.

"I wanted to report the matter to the police but I was advised against it. So, I ran and called my friends to help me take his corpse to the mortuary. It was when we were coming back that policemen stopped and later arrested us."

But the police are picking holes in Chibuzo's claim, asking why he did not report the matter to the police instead of mobilising his friends to assist him to take his corpse to the mortuary without any elder around.

The police insisted that Chibuzo and his friends killed Emmanuel and secretly went to hide his corpse in a mortuary to cover up their crime.

Commissioner of Police, Adams Audu, told *Crime Watch* that on the day of the incident, police on patrol along Old Lafia Road Makurdi, acting on a tip-off, intercepted a white Toyota bus, with registration number Lagos-LND 826 XA, with two occupants, wearing blood-stained clothes,

adding that the seats of the vehicle as well as the floor were also stained with blood:

"On interrogation, they claimed that their brother, Emmanuel John, aged 22, had an accident, which made them to take him to General Hospital, North Bank, for treatment. Police operatives insisted on seeing the accident victim and on reaching the hospital, they saw the dead body of the said Emmanuel John with machete cuts."

"The duo of Chibuzo and Chukwunonso were arrested and they stated that the deceased was a member of Red Skin Cult and that he was killed by rival cultists. Further investigation into the case also led to the arrest of Musa, Bem and Raymond all of North Bank, Makurdi."

The CP disclosed that one locally made revolver pistol and two live ammunition were recovered from Bem and Raymond. He said the suspects would all be charged to court after full scale investigation.

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