

Cult members arrested for retrieving human skull three years after victim was murdered

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The Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Rivers State Police Command has arrested a 41-year old man, Onwuzuruike Nwaokagwu and other members of his cult known as "De Well" over alleged murder of one Victoria three years ago.

Sunday Sun gathered that after killing their victim, Nwaokagwu went back to the bush allegedly to retrieve the victim's skull for ritual purposes. He was however unlucky as he was arrested in Umunweyi/Umuma village in Igerrita Port Harcourt.

Rivers State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Tunde Ogunsakin told *Sunday Sun* that Nwaokagwu and other members of his cult were notorious for cultism, kidnapping and ritual killing. He added that the gang had killed a number of their victims before they were finally arrested.

He said the suspect, Nwaokagwu and other members of his cult decided to murder Victoria following their dissatisfaction with her romance with the leader of the gang simply identified as Obere.

He said in 2011, the suspects, after killing their victim lied to the people of Umunwueye community that the deceased was killed for stealing cassava.

CP Ogunsakin stated that in June 2014, three years after the murder was committed, Nwaokagwu went back into the bush where Victoria was murdered

by his gang and took her skull allegedly with the intention of using same for ritual.

He said he took the human skull to his house but information got to the police and immediately the Commander of SARS Supol Tunji Disu (CSP) and members of his team swung into action and arrested the suspect in his house in June 2014 and the skull was recovered along with a dane gun and cartridges.

The Commander of SARS informed *Sunday Sun* that the gang had been declared wanted by the Rivers State Police Command. "They had been involved in kidnapping and cult related offences as well as the murder of some okada riders," Disu said.

Nwaokagwu who confessed to the atrocities committed by his gang in an interview with *Sunday Sun* said, "I am a member of 'De Well' cult. Our gang chairman, Obere was dating Victoria who came from Imo State. Members of the gang were not happy with the relationship so we decided to kill her in a bush in 2011. We later lied to the people that she stole cassava and that was why she was killed".

The suspect who confessed that he exhumed the victim's skull for ritual also confessed to have taken part in few other killings with his gang. "In 2013 our gang killed one okada man called John who came from Cross River and we dumped his corpse along Agbada pipeline road.

"We equally killed one Ngozi from



•Suspect

Amabar along Etich road. They were killed when my gang was trying to rob them of their motorcycles but they resorted to struggling with us so we opened fire

on them," he said.

CP Ogunsakin said that the suspect would soon be charged to court to face the wrath of the law.