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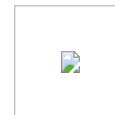
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I killed my father in error over cigarette, says son

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A 22-year-old man, Bestman Momodu, who allegedly killed his father over a stick of cigarette, has been arrested by police from the Edo State Police Command. Bestman was among 68 suspects paraded by the state police command yesterday for their alleged involvement in various crimes, ranging from armed robbery, kidnapping, murder, illegal possession of firearms, rape, cultism, defilement, unlawful possession of fake products to obtaining money under false pretence and impersonation.

Parading the suspects, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Foluso Adebajo said Bestman reportedly killed his father, Zuberu Momodu at Ubiane Aviele town in Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State on August 16.

He explained that investigation revealed that Bestman killed his father with a cutlass following an argument over a missing stick of cigarette in the house, adding that police had recovered the cutlass with which the suspect allegedly committed the crime.

Bestman, who spoke to journalists yesterday, however, said he killed his father in error.

Earlier, the police chief had told journalists that his command would strive to secure lives and property in the state during the "ember months," noting that "the ember months are the months criminals want to reap where they did not sow."

He, therefore, called on the media and members of the society to partner with police to combat crime by giving useful information to the police.

"We must all work together for a peaceful society. It is not for the police alone," Adebajo said.

Among items allegedly recovered from the suspects were 17 assorted guns, 48 live cartridges, three cars, one Lifan motor cycle, one battle axe and one cutlass.



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