

## Crime

# Son kills father over rift with mum

From: Joe Effiong, Uyo

**A** 25-year-old-man, Mr Mfreke Archibong, has killed his father, Mr Aniefiok Archibong, for constantly quarrelling with his mother.

Mfreke, from Ikot Udo Akan in Ibesikpo, Asutan Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, is said to have hit the father with a log of wood last Wednesday, killing him on the spot.

The Akwa Ibom State Commissioner of Police, Mr Murtala Mani, who paraded Mfreke yesterday said the suspect had since confessed to the offence.

"This young man murdered his father by using a log of wood to hit his head, the young man will be charged to court after investigation," he said.

But narrating his side of the tragic event, Mfreke said he did not intentionally kill his father but was acting in self-defence. He said his late father descended on him with bottle and log

of wood for trying to intervene in his quarrel with his mother.

"My name is Mfreke Aniefiok Achibong. I come from Ikot Udo Nkan, Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area. My mother and father have been having issues. My father had not been feeding me; I cut palm fruit to fend for myself.

"On Monday at about 6pm, I returned from where I went to work and met my father and mother quarrelling. I enquired from my mother what the problem was and she told me. But upon hearing my voice, my father from inside asked who it was, as if he never knew my voice.

"He came out and threw a bottle at me and hit me with a stick. I was annoyed and I snatched the same stick from him and hit him. He slumped and the next thing I saw was that he was dead.

I hit him in the hand, I wonder how that should cause his instant death," he said

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