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Farmer Beats Grandmother To Death In Ondo

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Segun Akande, a cocoa farmer, has reportedly murdered a 65-year-old grandmother, Mary Ogun-diran, at Ofosu Village in Idanre Local Government Area of Ondo State.

The 30-year-old farmer was said to have beaten the old woman to death for plucking cocoa pods in his farm.

Akande was among nine others suspects paraded by the State Commissioner of Police, Gbenga Adeyanju, at the Command Headquarters in Akure, the state capital.

Confessing to the crime, Akande said, "It is true that I beat the woman with a stick but I did not know she would die. She was fond of coming to my farm to steal

cocoa pods. That was why I took the action against her."

The other suspects had earlier been arrested across the state for various offences such as kidnapping, armed robbery and murder.

Oyebuchi Aningo, a member of a cult group known as Arobaga, who claimed he was forcefully initiated into the confraternity, was also paraded for raping a 16-year-old girl.

The police command also paraded two notorious armed robbers, a serial burglar and recovered a single barrel gun and two pump action rifles from the suspects.

Adeyanju said the command was doing everything possible to rid the state of criminals, adding that the suspects would soon be charged to court to serve as a deterrent to others.