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Student: Why I beheaded my rival, video recorded it

A 27-year-old student of the Nigeria Maritime Academy Oron, Akwa-Ibom State, Okonkwo Nzubechukwu, who proudly identified himself as a member of the Supreme Vikings Confraternity, has narrated how he beheaded his rival in Aba, Abia State and then calmly video recorded the incident.

Nzubechukwu confessed to beheading Ugochukwu Igwilo and circulating it on social media until it went viral. He was arrested alongside Prince Kalu, who is also a member of the same cult group.

The suspect was arrested by operatives of the Force Intelligence Response Team (IRT) headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Abba Kyari.

The fall of Nzubechukwu began after members of an eight man-gang of robbers, who specialised in robbing and killing Point of Sales (POS) operators in the state, were arrested. During interrogation, the suspected robbers disclosed that Nzubechukwu was their member and that he beheaded a rival group member Igwilo.

After beheading Igwilo, the suspect also cut off his legs, arms and genitals. These parts were then taken to a native doctor, who promised to prepare charms to protect Nzubechukwu and his members from po-



Nzubechukwu



Igwilo

lice arrest and rival groups.

Nzubechukwu said he joined the Vikings in 2013, through a man identified as 'Mr. Virus'.

He said: "I was the head of the confraternity in Aba in 2015 and I ruled for six months. During my reign, we had three guns. Ugochukwu Igwilo, a member of Black Axe Confraternity. There was a cult war in Aba in

Lampard in his compound in Umuchichi, around Osisioma area of Aba and butchered him. Before then, Ugochukwu had also attempted to kill me, but I escaped. Ugochukwu was the former head of the Black Axe group in Aba."

Nzubechukwu added that on March 6, 2021, Igwilo came to where they were playing football, but he and his members outnumbered and overpowered him. They then marched him at gunpoint into the bush.

He said: "While we were moving into the bush, he attempted to escape, but Otiko, a member of our group, went after him and broke his head with a big stick. I then shot him with the locally made gun and he died at the spot.

"We dragged his body to our Island, which is not far from the bush. I cut off his head and video recorded it. I sent the video to our WhatsApp group and from there it went viral. I also

presented the head to our members, who were not on ground when we killed Ugochukwu. It was Spiritual and Otiko, who removed his body parts and took them to a native doctor at Ogbor Hill, Abia Afor village."

The suspect added that the native doctor compelled the members to pound the head in a mortar and while that was going on, the native doctor made incantations.

He said: "The charm was to prevent the police from arresting us, but it failed us. It was after the video went viral that our member, More-Light, was arrested over the POS robbery. More-Light told police that he was part of the group that beheaded Ugochukwu."

The suspect, who said that his dream was to become an engineer, added that his greatest regret following his arrest, "is that someone else will be sleeping with my girlfriend".

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