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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command said it has arrested one Innocent Uko 'M' of Ebe Ikpe village, in Essien Udim Local Government Area of the state for allegedly killing his 26-year-old son, Boniface Innocent Uko, for allegedly harvesting cassava in his (father's) farm.

In a chat with journalists in Uyo, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, SP Odiko Macdon, said the village head of the community, Chief Akpan Aniekan, together with the village council chairman, Sylvester Akpan, reported the incident to police operatives of Essien Udim Divisional Headquarters, which immediately visited the scene and arrested the suspect.

He said the suspect had con-

Father allegedly kills son, burns corpse for harvesting his cassava in A'Ibom

fessed that he killed his son with a machete, burnt the corpse and dumped his carcass in an abandoned pit toilet in his compound to conceal the act.

He said the suspect claimed that his late son was too stubborn, disobedient and had brought embarrassment to the family.

According to the PPRO, "one Chief Akpan Aniekan, the village head of Ebe Ikpe village, in company of one Sylvester Akpan 'm', the village council chairman, reported that one Innocent Uko 'm' of Ebe Ikpe village in Essien Udim Local Government Area, used machete and killed his son, Boniface Innocent Uko, aged 26-yrs, burnt the

corpse and dumped the carcass of the deceased in an abandoned pit toilet in his compound to conceal the act.

"On the strength of the report, police operatives of Essien Udim Divisional Headquarters, visited the scene, the deceased burnt corpse deposited at the morgue. The suspect was arrested and has confessed killing the deceased, his son on the grounds of bad character and incessant harassment and embarrassment."

The police spokesperson also said the command has arrested one Charley Edem John for allegedly stealing two children aged 7.

He said the suspect uses his kid

brother who is 10 to lure these victims who are of the same school with him out from their class where the elder brother would have the opportunity to steal them.

"The Division, acting on intelligence report, arrested one Charley Edem John,

who stole two children, ages 7-years from their School. The said suspect uses his own kid brother who is 10 years old of the same School to call and lure

the children out of their class for him to steal," he said.

The PPRO said the suspects would be charged to court at the end of investigations.



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