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Emmanuel Masha,

he Rivers State Police
Command has arrested
a native doctor, and three
other accomplices for the
alleged murder of two children,
both seven years old for suspected
money ritual.

One of the suspects, Aniekan Sunday Uko, 27, residing at 2nd Pipeline, Rukpokwu, had lured the victims, Chizaram Onuche and Chidinma Onuche, to his location, drugged them using a drink known as Black Bullet as sedative.

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Anjekan then proceeded to slaughter them, collecting their blood in a bottle, which he then took to the native doctor, Kingsley Opurum, 43, who also resides at Pipeline, Eneka.

He claimed that the native doctor instructed him to provide fresh human remains and blood for ritualistic purposes.

According to a statement signed by the spokesperson of the Rivers State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, SP, Aniekan confessed that he became involved in the ritual killing after visiting the native doctor and witnessing him perform similar rituals for others for wealth.

She disclosed that the incident was transferred from the Special

Area Division, to the Anti-Kidnapping Unit, which was forced to take swift action.

Inringe-Koko added: "On 23rd March, 2025, at approximately 9am, operatives arrested a native doctor and other individuals involved in the heinous crime. During the operation, law enforcement officers recovered key evidence, including a bottle containing the drained blood of the victims."

Also arrested for the murder is Aniekan's girlfriend, Luis John Uwelemele, 19, a resident of Omuike, Aluu, as well as one Friday Silas, 47, who allowed Aniekan, to stay at the uncompleted building where the killings took place.

According to the police spokesperson, "law enforcement officials visited the scene of the crime, documented evidence with photographs, and recovered additional exhibits."

She said they found a kitchen knife identified as the murder weapon, a bottle filled with the victims' blood, scooped by the suspect, an empty can of Black Bullet, used to drug the victims before the act, and a spoon, used to collect the victims' blood. The deceased victims' bodies have been deposited at the mortuary for preservation and autopsy.

Kidnappers demand N20m to free Imo Catholic priest

idnappers of Rev. Fr. John Ubaechu, the Parish Priest of Holy Famal retreat of priests of the Owerri Catholic Archdiocese, Imo State.

His abduction was confirmed by the Owerri Catholic Archdioce

kidnappers had contacted some persons through whom they first demanded for N50 million, before they reduced the amount.