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By Evelyn Usman

LAGOS—A 45-year-old suspected ritualist, who was arrested by the Police in Lagos with a human skull, has disclosed that he sold fresh human skull for N1 million.



The suspect, Lucien Tusume, was arrested at Iraye village in Sagamu area of Ogun State, following intelligence report.

This is just as the command arrested six suspected members of a robbery gang that invaded a hotel in Agbara area of the state, Monday.

Explaining the circumstance that led to the arrest of the suspected ritualist, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Olarinde Famous-Cole, said some policemen, who disguised as buyers, contacted the suspect for a human skull.



The robbery suspects.

The suspect reportedly agreed to sell a dried skull for N150,000 to the undercover operatives, but the officers bargained for N81,000 which he accepted.

It was gathered that the suspect later took the dried human skull to the 'buyers', and he was subsequently arrested after payment was made to him.

During interrogation, the suspect disclosed that the dried skulls were sold between N80,000 and N120,000, adding that fresh human skulls were more expensive.

He said: "I sell fresh skull for N1 million."

He was, however, silent on how he gets the skulls.

The suspect, according to Famous-Cole, had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Yaba, where investigation to ascertain where and how he usually got human skulls would be carried out.



He advised parents to keep a watchful eye on their children and wards at all time.

Six robbery suspects arrested

Explaining how the robbery suspects identified as Lawal, Segun, Lanre, Lawal, Azeez and Tijani were arrested, Famous-Cole

Lucien Tusume

said: “At about 05:45p.m., the Command operatives, while on patrol, sighted

some hoodlums at a hotel situated at Agbara Road.

“The hoodlums specialise in robbery, snatching of vehicles, handbags and other valuables from their victims.

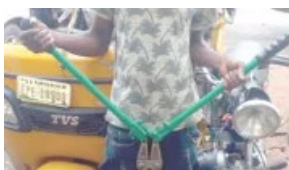
“Operatives swiftly moved to the scene and apprehended the hoodlums.”

One knife, one locally-made pistol and one live cartridge were recovered from the gang, including a green Peugeot 206, which they used for the operation.

They have made confessional statements and are now giving useful information to the police.

He revealed that investigation is ongoing and efforts on to arrest other gang members.

The command’s PPRO, ASP Famous-Cole, advised members of the public to be vigilant whenever they go about their lawful business in the society to avoid being victims of such nefarious activities.”



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