

Brothers murder sibling 'for using witchcraft to ruin their lives' in A-Ibom

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Uyo—Two brothers, Akaninyene and Ime Enyeokpon, who allegedly conspired to murder one of their brothers, Friday Enyeokpon, over witchcraft allegation, have been arrested by the Akwa Ibom State Police Command.



The deceased, who is the second son of the family, was said to have gone to the bush to check his traps when he was killed by his brothers.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Mr. Adeyemi Ogunjemilusi, said the suspects, after beheading their brother, buried his head in the sand and abandoned his lifeless body in the bush.

Ogunjemilusi, who spoke through the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Odiko MacDon, added that the suspects have confessed to committing the crime, although they maintained that their brother used his witchcraft to manipulate their destinies by rendering them poor.

How they killed him—Police

According to Ogunjemilusi, “the deceased, one Friday Enyeokpon of Ikot Abasi Asutan village in Ibesikpo Asutan Local Government Area, left his house for the bush to check his traps.

“While still in the bush, the suspects, Akaninyene Enyeokpon and Ime Enyeokpon— emerged from their hideouts, killed, beheaded and buried the deceased’s head. They abandoned the lifeless body in the bush.

“During interrogations, they confessed to the crime, noting that the deceased bewitched them and caused their misfortunes.

“The deceased’s head was exhumed and deposited in the mortuary and two machetes used by the suspects in the murder were recovered.”

He added that investigations were still in progress.