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Man buries okadaman after cutting off head, private parts, intestines

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MINNA—A suspected ritualistic, Tunde Tayo, aged 30, has explained how he succeeded in killing a commercial motorcyclist (*okadaman*), Abdullahi Saleh, in Minna, Niger State.

The suspect, who resides in Ungwan Roka in Maitumbi area of Minna, the state capital, told newsmen he lured his suspect into his uncompleted building, beheaded, severed his private parts and also removed his intestines for ritual.

Tayo, a father of five and a welder in Sabon-Gari, Minna, further confessed that "I even buried him in a shallow grave near my house, not knowing somebody saw me, who alerted the Police.

"It was frustration and inconsistencies in my life that made me to commit the crime, not knowing that I will be exposed; I am ruined."

The suspect, it was gathered, pretended to be clearing grasses

near his uncompleted building, but was actually reburying his victim who he hurriedly buried a day earlier, only to realise that part of the body was exposed and needed to be properly covered.

It was when he had exhumed his victim's body and tried to rebury it that he was arrested by

the Police, following a tip-off.

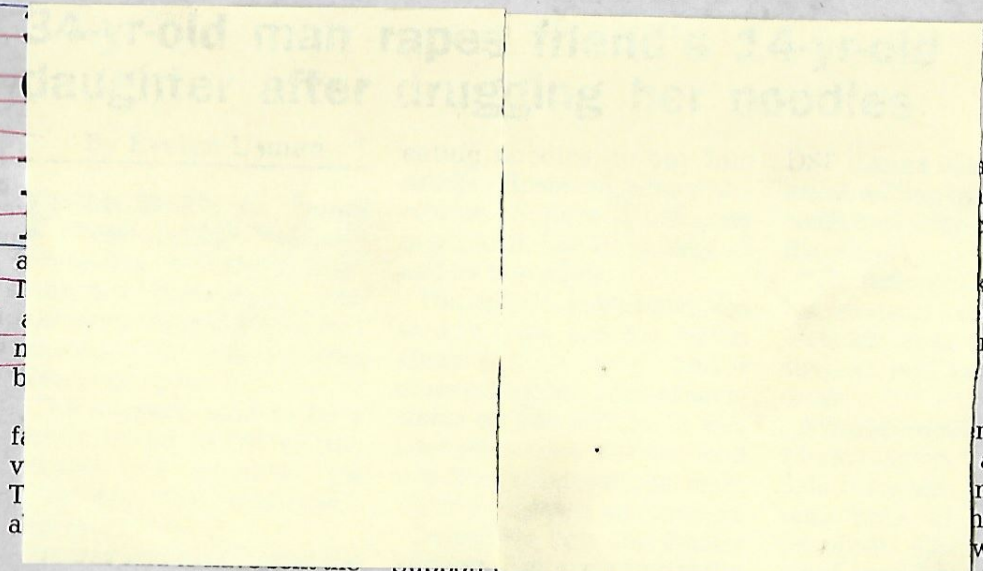
Asked whether his wife was aware of his involvement in rituals, the suspect said: "My wife does not know anything concerning the ritual business; she is only aware that I am a welder by profession."

Niger State Police command spokesman, DSP Muhammad Abubakar, confirmed the incident, saying the suspect had

confessed to the crime.

According to Abubakar, "the suspect has confessed to the crime and it was when he had exhumed the body that we discovered the head, intestine and private parts have been severed from the body."

He said the suspect would be charged to court after the conclusion of investigation by the Police.



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