

Murder of bizman: Suspected military officer arrested in A-Ibom

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UYO—A man suspected to be an army officer has been arrested by the Police in Akwa Ibom State over the alleged murder of a businessman in Ikot Abasi Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the suspected army officer killed the businessman, Sunday, and dispossessed him of his vehicle after the deceased, whose identity could not be ascertained at press time gave him a ride.

A reliable source disclosed in Uyo, yesterday, that the suspect was tracked and arrested at Ukanafun Local Government Area, and the vehicle, including a rifle, recovered from him.

The source said: "The incident happened on Sunday. A motorist offered the suspected army officer a ride in his vehicle, not knowing that he was going to kill him. They got

to a place, the suspected army man attacked and killed him before dumping his corpse by the roadside.

"The attention of the police was drawn to the incident and they recovered the corpse, which they deposited at a mortuary. The deceased relatives came to the Police station in Ikot Abasi for assistance on Monday.

"Fortunately, the vehicle had a tracking device. So the police assisted them in tracking the vehicle. They traced the car to Ukanafun Local Government Area, where they surrounded the place and arrested the man, recovered the vehicle, and an AK-47 rifle from him."

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Odiko MacDon, confirmed the incident and simply added: "The matter is still under investigation, we are trying to get the report and also trying to determine the identity of the person involved."