

Suspected cultist beheads man over alleged witchcraft in A-Ibom

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UYO — FEAR has gripped residents of Inen community in Oruk Anam Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State as a man, suspected to be member of a cult group, on Monday, killed his neighbour, while others in the community were robbed.

It was gathered that the suspect, identified as Friday Ekpu (a.k.a. "United,") accompanied by other members of his group allegedly dragged their victim, one Udo Mfuk, from his compound and killed him after tying him to a tree.

The suspect, according to a source, moved into a nearby compound,

where he attacked one Uduak Okon and dispossessed him of his motorcycle before fleeing from the village.

Although, the reasons for their actions could not be ascertained at press time, an eye witness, Ntiense Noak, revealed to newsmen, yesterday that the suspect had accused his victim of using witchcraft powers to torment his son, who had been bedridden for many years without solutions.

"The gang led by Friday Ekpu moved to the deceased's compound and dragged him out, tied him to a tree and beheaded him. After killing the man, he went to a nearby compound and ransacked houses, seizing their phones and robbed one Mr Okon Noah of his new motorcycle."