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Man shoots elder brother, cuts off head, private parts



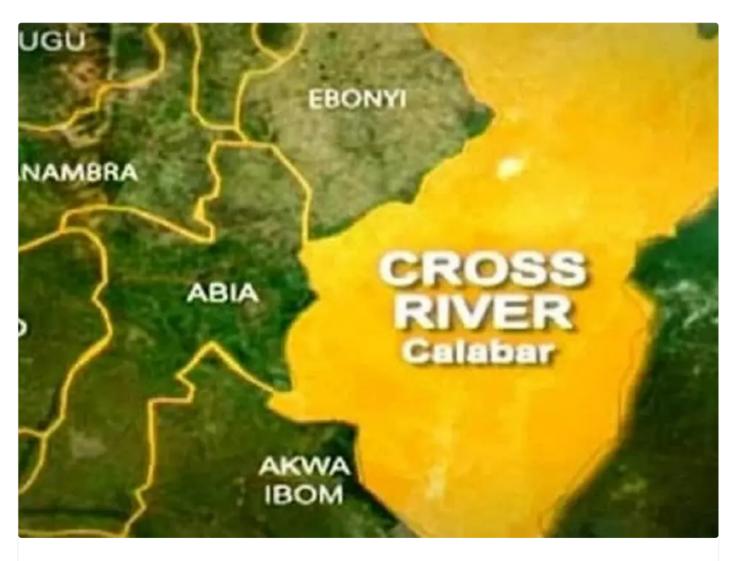














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cutting off his head and private parts.

The man whose name was given as Ekapong, weekend, in Epiebi ward, Ekori in Yakkur Local Government Area of the state, shot his elder brother, Ofrekpe on the farm following a dispute over palm fruits.

"He went to the farm and met our father packing palm fruits, which he cut from our family palm trees into a bag and shot him dead," Alice, daughter of the slain man told Vanguard.

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She said the father and her uncle have been quarrelling over who should harvest palm fruits in their late father's plantation.

"He has been warning my father to stay away from the palm trees or he would deal with him but my father did not take him seriously, since the palm trees belong to the family," she said.

She said it was one hunter, who heard the gunshot and thought one of his colleagues had killed an animal and rushed over to share in the game but saw something else and raised alarm.

She said when the hunter saw her uncle covered in blood, he was excited and rushed to open the bag which was beside him only to see a human head and private parts.

She said other people in the surrounding farms and bushes rushed to the scene following the hunter's shout for help and that was how the man was apprehended.

Irene Ugbo, the Cross River Police Command spokesperson, said the man was in police custody and the investigation is ongoing.

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