

SUSPECTED ALBINO MURDERS ARRESTED IN ZOMBA

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Police in Zomba have arrested six people suspected to have attacked and killed a person with albinism.

Zomba Police Publicist Sergeant Patricia Supiliano said law enforcers got reports that Vincent Masamba 30, Godwin Mwala 39, Samson Madengu 39, Luciano Benado 31, Clement Chikupha 25 and Mavuto Mchilima 38 were offering for sale human bones suspected to be of an albino person.

“We received a report that the mentioned suspects were offering for sale human bones and after investigations we arrested them and recovered the bones,” said Supiliano.



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According to Supiliano, the suspects revealed that they killed Simeon Mphatso Mkola, 18, of Mohiwa village, Traditional Authority Mtchema in Chiradzulu. He was an albino.

The suspects also told the police that in November 2014, they agreed to look for an albino in order to remove his/her bones and sell in Mozambique.

Suspect Vincent Masamba who was given the task to look for an albino person, met the deceased in Chiradzulu and enticed him with a job in Mozambique on December 19, 2014, according to Supiliano.

The deceased is said to have agreed to spend the night with Masamba at Mwapasa village ahead of the journey to Mozambique the following morning.

“During the night, the suspects murdered him and took the bones and buried the remains at Waluwa village near Phalombe River,” explained Supiliano.

The suspects are expected to appear before court soon to answer charges of murder contrary to section 209 of the penal code.

Meanwhile, police have advised all people with albinism not to be carried away by people pretending to be good Samaritans.

Vincent Masamba and Godwin Mwala hail from T/A Mbiza while Luciano Benado is from T/A Chikowi, and Clement Chikupha comes from T/A Mwambo, all the four from Zomba. Samson Madengu hails from T/A Jenala in Phalombe district. mana

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