

Police say man killed, cut up his mother

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A man found in bed with pieces of his mother's corpse confessed to her killing, telling police she was a "vampire devil" and that he "cut out both of her hearts."

Henry M. Heepe told police he beat his 77-year-old mother, Barbara Heepe, to death, then stabbed her and removed her organs.

Officers found some of the body parts in a pan on a stove, and Police Capt. Paul Callahan said investigators believe Heepe may have eaten some of the others. His mouth was smeared with blood when he

was arrested, Summit County Coroner William Cox said Wednesday.

"I killed my mother," Heepe was quoted as saying in a police report. "She was a vampire devil. I cut out both of her hearts. It took her five hours to die."

An autopsy that lasted all day Wednesday showed Heepe's mother had been beaten around the face, head, chest and arms and strangled, Cox said. She was stabbed and disemboweled after she died, the coroner said.

Heepe, 50, was charged with murder. His arraignment was delayed while he

was hospitalized Wednesday for treatment of diabetes.

Police entered the Heepe home Monday night after a neighbor, Mary Hendrickson, said a boy raking leaves reported hearing a woman cry for help.

As officers checked the house, they heard a man chanting, "Die, die, die," the Akron Beacon Journal reported Wednesday. They said Heepe had barricaded himself inside a bedroom and refused to come out.

After trying for more than an hour to talk him into leaving the room, they finally forced open the door and discovered

him nude on the bed, surrounded by pieces of the corpse.

He was apparently engaging in a sex act with the bowel, Cox said.

The lower half of the woman's stomach, her right eye, her spleen and a small part of her small intestine were missing.

A knife was found near a toilet, which left open the possibility Heepe may have flushed the missing body parts down the toilet, Cox said.

Heepe was a patient at Akron General Hospital, said spokeswoman Susan Hobson, but she declined to discuss his condition.

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