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Dog dealer admits he dumped body

URAWA, Saitama Pref. (Kyodo) One of two dog dealers under arrest has confirmed part of allegations that they abandoned the body of a male customer in Saitama Prefecture in April 1993, police sources said Saturday.

Gen Sekine, 53, has told police that he dismembered with a knife, burned and abandoned the body of Akio Kawasaki at a dog training site in Katashina, Gunma Prefecture.

Police arrested Sekine and his former wife, Hiroko Kazama, 37 on Thursday for allegedly dumping the body of Kawasaki, then 39, a company executive, and sent them to prosecutors Saturday.

Kazama has remained silent, the sources said.

Police have also questioned a 38-year-old man who has already confessed to aiding Sekine in the disposal of Kawasaki's remains in a forest in Gunma Prefecture.