Philippines wedding guest 'eaten'

(CNN) At least three people have been arrested in the Philippines for allegedly killing and eating a man and serving his flesh to wedding guests.

Eladio Baule and at least two relatives are accused of killing another relative, Benjie Ganay, after a row over the bride - Mr Baule's daughter.

Some reports say Mr Baule became angry when Mr Ganay accidentally touched the bride's backside.

Police only heard about the case when one of the men involved confessed.

Junnie Boyot told police that he and others, including Mr Baule, drove Mr Ganay to a secluded spot, where at least one of them stabbed the victim to death, before roasting his body.

Mr Boyot admitted that he and his companions then ate pieces of Mr Ganay's flesh before returning to the wedding to serve it to guests.

Police say that Mr Ganay went missing after the wedding reception on 17 July, which was held in a remote village in the south-western island of Palawan.

Narra town police chief Senior Superintendent Perla Bacuel said it was the first time she had ever heard of such a strange case.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) -- Four members of a family have been arrested and charged with murder for allegedly killing and eating a relative during a wedding reception -- and serving his flesh to unwitting party guests, police said.

At the July 17 wedding of his daughter, Eladio Baule got angry with his cousin Benjie Ganay, who tripped and accidentally touched the bride's bottom, said Senior Police Inspector Perla Bacuel at Narra town in Palawan province, southwest of Manila.

A few hours later, Baule, his son Gerald, cousin Junnie Buyot and nephew Sabtuari Pique allegedly confronted Ganay, then drove him to a secluded place where they stabbed him to death, Bacuel said.

Buyot, who surrendered to police and is acting as a witness, told police they then roasted Ganay's body using coconut leaves and kerosene, Bacuel said.

Eladio Baule later forced Buyot to take a bite of Ganay's flesh, which he claims he threw up but was then forced at knifepoint to swallow, Bacuel said.

Buyot told police that the group returned to the party and served some of Ganay's cooked remains to guests who were still celebrating the wedding, Bacuel said.

"It was perhaps due to their drunkenness. They probably didn't know what they were eating," he said.

Buyot reported the incident several days later to a local village leader who took him to police. Pique also surrendered, and Baule and his son were arrested.

Superintendent Rey Lanada, Palawan provincial police chief, said cannibalism would be treated as an aggravating circumstance in the crime. AP