

Teenager Kills Cousin For Ritual In Edo

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A 12-year-old boy, Emiliano Egwunbare, has been kidnapped and killed by his 18-year-old cousin, identified as Tega Emajuwa.

Emajuwa and two of his friends kidnapped their victim at Obagie Community, Egor local government area of Edo State.

He had stayed with the parents of late Emiliano for a few months before carrying out the dastardly act on September 16th, 2025.

Sources said Emajuwa collected ransom from the parents of the

deceased but didn't release him.

The source stated that the police became involved after the payment of a ransom, and through due intelligence, Emajuwa was tracked down and arrested.

A police source said Emajuwa confessed to the crime one week after his arrest, and two of his accomplices, Edugie Destiny, aged 20 and Osayande Vincent, aged 23, were arrested.

Their confession led police to where they dumped the body of Emiliano inside a well.

Some vital organs of late Emiliano were reportedly

harvested.

Deputy spokesman of the Edo Police Command, ASP Eno Ikoedem confirmed the incident and denied allegations that the suspects have been released.

She stated that the case was initially reported at the Ogida Police Division and later transferred to the Anti-Kidnapping and Cyber Crime Unit in Benin for discreet investigation.

“Following sustained tactical and technical intelligence, operatives of the unit arrested three suspects, Tega Emajuwa ‘m’, aged 18, Edugie Destiny ‘m’, aged 20, and Osayande Vincent ‘m’, aged 23, who all made confessional statements linking them to the crime.