

# Police arrest mum for allegedly killing son

•Over 'N21,000 theft'

From Damisi Ojo, Akure

**O**ND0 State Police Command said yesterday that it had arrested a woman, Mrs. Ajoke Adebayo and her brother-in-law, Idowu Adebayo, for allegedly killing her son, 14-year-old Mathew.

The incident, which occurred last Saturday at Oda in Akure, the Ondo State capital, has reportedly thrown the community into a pensive mood.

Sources said Mathew, a JSS 3 pupil, was allegedly tortured to death by the suspects

for 'stealing N21,000' from the bank account of his mother, Ajoke.

It was learnt that when Mrs. Adebayo noticed that her son had stolen the money, she informed her husband, Mr. Ayodele Adebayo.

Mr. Adebayo was alleged to have instructed his younger brother, Idowu, to punish the deceased.

A source said: "The woman

(Ajoke) called her husband to inform him about what their son did. The husband then instructed his younger brother, Idowu, to discipline the boy.

"When Idowu was beating Mathew, Ajoke joined him and they injured the boy. Then they locked him inside a room and went away.

"A friend of the boy living in the area later alerted neighbours, who broke the door and found Mathew unconscious. They took him to hos-

pital where he was confirmed dead."

Men of the command were reportedly invited to the scene and they arrested the two suspects.

Police spokesman Femi Joseph, who confirmed the incident, said investigation had begun.

He said efforts were on to nab the deceased's father.

Joseph said: "We have arrested the two suspects. Soon, we will arrest the father, who instructed that his son should be disciplined."

... for alleged N5.9m fraud