

Missing Ogun boy found dead, eyes removed

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A 12-year-old boy, John Soyinka, declared missing about five days ago, has been found dead at Kotogbo community, in Asero Estate, Abeokuta.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the eyes and wrists of the boy

were reported to have been cut off by people suspected to be ritualists.

The incident was said to have been reported at Obantoko police station, Abeokuta. A resident informed newsmen on condition of anonymity that the boy was discovered to be missing when he went after a customer who came to do transaction at a POS point where he used

to assist.

The source said: "I know the boy very well; he was about 12 years old and he lived alone with his mother who I guessed is no longer with her husband. His mother is into menial jobs like helping people to sweep.

"What we heard was that last week Thursday, he said he wanted to check on a customer who did POS trans-

actions, may be there was something to sort out about the transaction but the boy never came back.

"The boy and his mother lived at Olasunkanmi community and so the Community Development Association reported the matter to the divisional police officer (DPO) at Obantoko.

"The DPO informed the police at Adigbe and Laf-

enwa but it was the boy's corpse that was seen at Kotogbo community just beside Olasunkanmi on Monday.

"The two communities are inside Asero Estate. It is suspected to be a case of ritual killing because the boy's eyes were removed, while his wrists were also cut off."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Omolola

Odutola, described the incident as pathetic.

The PPRO said a search was launched by men of the command, who later found the mutilated body of the boy inside a bush.

She added that the body had been released to the family for burial, saying investigation would continue to unravel the perpetrators of the crime.