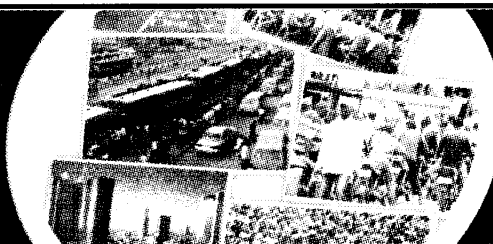


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## Teenagers kill boy, 11, over phone use

**Sunday Aborisade, Akure**

The police in Ondo State said on Monday that four teenagers had been arrested for the alleged murder of Godswill Omokabo, an 11-year-old pupil of a primary school in the state.

Godswill was alleged to have been murdered by the four suspects aged between 11 and 13 years on Friday, following his refusal to allow them to use his mobile phone.

The suspects are co-tenants of the deceased who attended a private school in Oke Aro area of Akure.

PUNCH METRO learnt that the deceased was thrown into the bush at Adofure farm, which is some kilometres away from Akure, the state capital, after he was murdered.

Godswill reportedly drew the ire of the suspects after an argument ensued following his refusal to allow them to use his mobile phone.



•Ondo State CP, Sani Magaji

Sources told PUNCH METRO that Godswill's friends "threatened to deal with

him and within three days after their threat, the victim was found dead in the bush with several marks all over his body."

It was further learnt that the suspects told parents of the deceased various accounts of how their son died.

One of the sources, who did not want to be named because of the sensitive nature of the incident, said the suspects told Godswill's parents that he fell in a river and got drowned, while in another version they said he got drowned while they were all swimming.

Godswill's father, Joseph, was said to have reported the matter to the police after 24 hours of search and the corpse of Godswill could not

be found.

Further investigations revealed that one of the suspects was said to have taken his

parents to where they hid Godswill's corpse and it was recovered without the knowledge of the deceased parents.

Our correspondent learnt that when Joseph was later told that the corpse had been recovered, he suspected foul play and raised the alarm. When Godswill's corpse was found, there were bruises all over his body.

Speaking on the matter the mother of the deceased, Patience, said three days before her son died; there was a hot argument between the suspects and his friends over a mobile phone.

Our correspondent further gathered that Godswill's phone was later found in possession of one of the four suspects days after the boy went missing.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Aremu Adeniran, confirmed the arrest of the four teenagers.

Adeniran added that Godswill was murdered because he refused his friends the use of his phone.

"Investigation has started on the matter. Four teenagers suspected to know something about the death of the boy have been picked up," he said.

## NDLEA impounds Indian hemp in Ondo State Cart vehicle