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# Toddler abducted at cousin's ceremony in Ogun

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THERE was confusion at Akorede Estate, Mile 2, in the Abeokuta North Local Government Area of Ogun State on Sunday as a

20-month-old baby, Opeyemi Ogundele, was abducted at his cousin's naming ceremony.

The light-complexioned boy had accompanied her mother, Elizabeth Ogundele, to the naming

ceremony before his sudden disappearance.

According to Elizabeth, the wife of her brother, Olusola Osunleke, had given birth to a baby girl, and Sunday was the day of her christening. She (Elizabeth) said she attended the ceremony with her son.

It was gathered that while she was busy assisting the brother's wife with the preparation for the ceremony, she left Opeyemi with other children in the corridor of the bungalow, where they were playing.

Elizabeth said when she came out later to take Opeyemi for a change of clothes, she could not find him.

She said, "I asked other children and the neighbours, but no one knew the whereabouts of Opeyemi. I ran out of the house, and searched the neighbourhood, but I could not locate him."

PUNCH Metro gathered that the search for Opeyemi, however, led to the discovery of a suspected ritual killers' den, where fetish pots and human parts were found.

The den was located at



• The building; Opeyemi

Photos: Samuel Awoyinfa

## Mother accuses neighbour of defiling two-year-old daughter



• Lagos State High Court

File photo

Ramon Oladimeji

ONE Kehinde Paul has been arraigned before a Lagos State High Court in Ikeja for allegedly raping a two-year-old daughter of his neighbour, Mrs. Mercy Ofaghae, two years ago.

Kehinde, who lives in Igando, a suburb of Lagos State, however, pleaded not guilty to one count of rape and

"When I got back home with the drug, I knocked Mr. Layode's (Kehinde) door and he claimed to be in the bathroom. It took him one hour before he opened the door and when he eventually did, I took my daughter to our apartment and I took off her clothes to bath her before administering the drug.

"But when I got to her pants, there was sperm on it and I screamed and

about 100 metres away from Osunleke's residence.

Elizabeth said, "It was while I was searching for my son

that I passed by that house. I saw two men chatting and I asked them if they saw my son, but they merely giggled.

"I left them and continued with the search for my son. Later, the two men locked the door and left the house.

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