

the June 13-14 for hearing.

the old one where tradition-

sumed in around the palace

Service.

Loggers kill, bury 13-year-old boy secretly

Sulaiman Salawudeen
ADO-EKITI

Two men in the business of lumbering in Ekiti State, O. Bidemi (18) and Ojo Sunday (19), are now in police custody for allegedly killing a 13-year-old boy, Abubakar Abdullahi.

The two, allegedly assisted by a 14-year-old boy, Adeyeye Miracle, reportedly quickly buried their victim secretly.

Findings showed that they committed the crime at Ifaki-Ekiti in Ido-Osi Local Government Area of Ekiti State, on Mon-

day.

It was also discovered that the victim, who had been following the suspects on lumbering expeditions for quite a while, was said to be missing on the day when the suspects returned to town.

They reportedly said Abubakar did not go with them on the fateful day, which forced the parents of the deceased to declare him missing.

"These three persons deceived the parents of the deceased that they did not see the boy, even when they had killed him for no reason. The parents reported the case at the police station and the police were

searching everywhere for him without making headway.

"Later the police got the trio arrested and subjected them to torture where they extracted useful information that the boy had been killed inside the farm," a source said.

The source claimed some parts of the deceased were missing when his body was exhumed.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Alberto Adeyemi, confirmed the incident.

He, however, ruled out the possibility of ritual killing.

Adeyemi described the rumour making the rounds, especially in Ifaki-Ekiti, as being far from the truth.