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'MASKED MAN CAME IN AND KILLED GRANDPA, GRANDMA'

Boy says robber with parang slashed his grandparents when they woke up and confronted him

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"I SAW him kill my grandparents." Those were the first words uttered by a boy who survived a fire which destroyed his family home in Jalan Tepi Laut, Tanjung Sepat, early yesterday.

The 12-year-old boy could be the sole witness to what happened to his grandparents, younger brother and cousin, all of whom died in the tragedy.

What was initially thought to be just a fire has become a murder investigation. Police said three of the four victims had slash wounds on their bodies.

Since then, a video clip has

emerged of the boy claiming that he saw a robber slashing his grandparents before setting the house on fire.

The victims are Chia Tee Nang, 73, and his wife, Lim Mai Shak, 68, Chia Yuan Bin, 3, and Ryan Chia Zeng Xi, 9.

The one minute, 37-second video clip showed the boy sitting on a bicycle and describing what happened, to an unidentified person. The house can be seen burning in the background.

The boy claimed that he saw his grandparents being attacked by a masked robber, who was armed with a parang.

He said his father was at work when the incident happened. His grandparents, younger brother and cousin were asleep in the house when the robber entered.

He said the robber slashed his grandparents when they woke up and confronted him. The man then set the house on fire before escaping.

The boy claimed that he survived because he was hiding inside the toilet near the back of the house. He fled the moment the robber left.

Kuala Langat police chief Superintendent Azizan Tukiman confirmed that the boy had es-



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caped and was being treated at Banting Hospital for trauma.

"We will record his statement after he feels better. He is still traumatised by the incident."

Azizan said at the moment, police and firemen were still combing the scene for evidence.

Police had reclassified the case as murder pending further developments.

Page 1 caption: Fire investigators searching for evidence in a razed house in Tanjung Sepat, where four bodies were found.



A picture of Chia Tee Nang and his wife, Lim Mai Shak, with a snapshot of Chia Yuan Bin.



Attendants taking the remains of the victims into the mortuary in Banting Hospital.



Firemen combing the scene for evidence. PIX BY AHMAD IRHAM MOHD NOOR AND MUHAMMAD SULAIMAN