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DPP: Boy should make defence on murder charge

KUALA LUMPUR: A 13-year-old boy accused of murdering his teacher's daughter should be called to make his defence as the evidence adduced shows that he committed the offence, the High Court was told yesterday.

The Form One boy is accused of murdering the 11-year-old girl by stabbing her with a sharp object at her house between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on May 30.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Azhar Abdul Hamid, submitting at the end of the prosecution's case, said it had proven the essence of the charges against the boy at a *prima facie* level.

He said it had been proven that the boy was in the house at 2.30pm on that day despite being told by the teacher not to go to the house until 4.30pm as she was having a meeting at her school.

Azhar said a copy of the teacher's house telephone bill proved that the victim called her mother at 3.30pm saying that the boy was already there. The girl's mother had told the boy to do some work on his own as

she was on her way back when the boy called her again at 4.25pm to ask what time she would be back.

But the boy's uncle had picked the boy up from the house right after that because the boy had called him, he said. The uncle had testified that when he sent the boy to the house, a girl had opened the door.

Azhar said another parent who sent her son for tuition there testified that the boy had told them that class was cancelled for that day and that the teacher would replace it the next day.

Azhar said evidence proved that the DNA profile from the blood stains found on the boy's T-shirt and tracksuit trousers matched the profile from blood specimen of the victim. Even though the bloodstains derived from the boy's bag and a book were too weak to be concluded as the victim's blood, the girl's mother identified the bag and book as those used by the boy.

Justice Datuk Ahmad Maarop fixed Monday to hear the reply from defence counsel Karpal Singh.