

Army Probes Soldier's Alleged Killing Of Teenager In Akwa Ibom



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The Nigerian Army has launched an investigation into the death of a 13-year-old boy, allegedly shot by a soldier in Ikot Abasi Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

The incident occurred in the early hours of January 1, 2026, on the Akongntekong Road, Ete, and sparked outrage and tension within the community.

The Army Public Relations Officer of 2 Brigade, Mbiokporo, Captain Lawal Mohamed, confirmed that the matter has been taken over by the Military Police.



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“The incident has been handled by the Military Police and is already under investigation. Due process will be followed,” he said.

Eyewitnesses said the victim, Timothy Daniel, was returning from a crossover service with his 15-year-old sister, Miracle Daniel, when the shooting occurred at about 12:05 a.m.

According to an eyewitness, Anthony Akpan, Miracle had briefly crossed the road when the soldier, who was reportedly on guard duty at a residence allegedly followed her and made inappropriate advances. The residence is said to house expatriates.

Akpan alleged that when the girl resisted, the soldier became aggressive and threatened her. Timothy, who was waiting nearby, reportedly

confronted the soldier over the alleged harassment of his sister, leading to a heated argument.

The confrontation allegedly escalated, with the soldier firing his rifle and hitting the teenager, who reportedly died on the spot. The shooting reportedly triggered panic and unrest in the area.

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