

Niger teenager kills friend with father's gun

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A 16-year-old boy, Jacob Danladi (not real name), has allegedly killed his friend, Titus Joseph (15), while playing with his father's Dane gun.

Danladi's father, known as Baba, is said to be a member of a local vigilante group in Kwamba, Suleja Local Government Area of Niger State.

Saturday PUNCH gathered that the incident occurred on March 1 while the two boys were playing at Emmanuel's residence.

According to sources, Emmanuel picked up the fully loaded gun and shot Titus in the stomach at close range, leading to his death.

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It was learnt that police personnel from the Maje Division evacuated the victim's body to the Suleja General Hospital.

The boy and his father were arrested for alleged negligence and culpable homicide and have been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department in Minna for further investigation.

The spokesman of the Niger State Police Command, Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident in a statement on Friday, noting that the case is under investigation pending prosecution.