

Tragedy

Boy 13 dies testing anti-gun shot charm

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A primary five-school boy of Iyoka Primary School, Illah, in the Oshimili North local government area of Delta State, Master Christian Alieze has met his untimely death in the hands of fake herbalists who had allegedly prepared an anti-gun shot charm (odieshi) for him.

Christian Alieze aged 13, *Daily Champion* gathered had died in the hands of one of the apprentice herbalists Samuel Ogogah who allegedly shot him with a single barrel gun while testing the potency of the charm prepared for the victim and customer. The victim and schoolboy was said to have approached the herbalists to seek for the anti-bullet charm for protection.

Following the sudden death of the school boy, the apprentice herbalist Samuel took to his heels while his boss, Michael Oraegbulam from Onya camp, Illah, was arrested and is now

cooling his heels in police net.

The 60-year-old herbalist was among five suspects arrested and paraded yesterday by the Delta state police command for their alleged involvement in various criminal activities.

Among those also allegedly involved in the death of the schoolboy is a 17 year old Chinedu Ndiji from Illah Primary school, who it was learnt was previously treated by the 60 year old herbalist over mental related illness but was until his arrest in connection with the present case still in the house of the herbalist as an attendant. Master Chinedu Ndiji was allegedly said to have conspired to kill the 13-year-old Christian Alieze who after they were approached to prepare and administer unto him, the anti-gun shot charm.

It was also gathered that the 13 year old Christian Alieze, had gone to the medicine men to prepare the charm for him, and Samuel Ogogah after preparing and administering

the charm had tested the potency of the charm on him with a single barrel gun. But as fate would have it, little Master Alieze did not survive the gunshot and had died during the ugly experiment and efforts to revive the victim failed.

On interrogation on how much the late Master Alieze paid for the evil charm, Chinedu Ndiji told newsmen that he (victim) had paid the sum of N100 to Samuel, a sum that he (Samuel) confessed he used to smoke cigarette. Another suspect in police custody over murder is a 23 year old Ikechukwu Osazuwa from Igbanke, in Edo State who was arrested for alleged complicity in the death of his 20 year old girlfriend, Miss Ifeanyi Okeleke from Atuma-Iga in Oshimili North local government area of the state.

Ikechukwu told *Daily Champion* that Miss Ifeanyi died in an attempt to abort few months old pregnancy which he confessed he was responsible but died in the process.

Ikechukwu Osazuwa, a former student of Akwukwu-Igbo Grammar School and presently unemployed further disclosed that he lives with his parents at Atuma and that his late girlfriend was an apprentice hairdresser until her death. "She told me she was pregnant and I had told her not to abort the baby, but she refused and went to remove it. She later became sick and was rushed to the Illah Health Centre and later to the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba".

Meanwhile, the mother of the deceased, a 44 year old widow, Mrs. Mary Okeleke told newsmen that her daughter never told her that she was pregnant rather fever and pain in the throat, which worsened as time progressed prompting the family to rush her to the community health center."

According to her, when her sickness continued, she was later rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba, where she died after about two hours of her admission there over complications.