

# Policeman kills 12-year-old boy in Kano

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A police sergeant attached to Gwale Police Division yesterday shot dead a 12-year-old boy in Gwale quarters in Kano metropolis.

The boy named Hassan Muhammad was hawking sachet water in front of his parents home when the cop, Laminu Adamu shot him in the face for undisclosed reason(s), Sunday Trust gathered.

The killing was said to have irked residents who reportedly converged on the nearby Gwale police station threatening to storm it.

It was gathered that police reinforcements from the state command save the situation.

An eyewitness said the victim, who was popular in the area and ran errands for policemen at the station was seated outside his home when the officer who was inside a patrol vehicle shot him.

He said the remains of the boy who died on the spot were conveyed by angry protesters to the Gwale station.

“They attempted to break into the station demanding for justice. It took several policemen to contain the situation,” the source said.

Burial arrangements were being finalised at the time of filing this report.

The deceased parents were said to have lodged complaint with the Kano Emirate Council, asking for the killer cop to be brought to book.

The state police command in a swift reaction to the incident expressed deep regret and promised to take appropriate action against the policeman.

The command, through its acting spokesperson, ASP Musa Magaji Majiya, said the policeman had been disarmed and was facing orderly room trial.

Majiya said “The command regret the unfortunate incident and hereby assures the public that justice will surely be done.”

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