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Father nabbed over daughter's death

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The police in Gwagwalada have arrested a man, identified only as Abbey, for allegedly causing the death of his eight-year-old daughter in a bid to resuscitate her from convulsion. A resident who preferred anonymity said the incident happened in Chukuku, Kuje Area Council on Wednesday.

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He said the deceased usually experienced convulsion and was revived by her father.

But that on the fateful day the father used a white robe around her neck instead of the red oil and spoon usually put in her mouth to prevent her from cutting her tongue.

The man, a carpenter, allegedly strangled the girl in the process.

The resident said the man having fully realised the consequences took the girl to the hospital but she did not survive.

The suspect's son reported the case to the community head when the man was no where to be found after the incident.

"It was even the girl's elder brother who was with the father when the incident happened that reported the matter to the chief of the village, who contacted the Gwagwalada police command," he said.

A source in the family said the man was arrested on Thursday morning, shortly after he had buried the girl.

City News learnt that the girl's elder brother, only identified as Sunday, told the police and men of the State Security Services in Gwagwalada that his father allegedly killed his sister on purpose.

When contacted, the Gwagwalada Police Area Commander, Mr. Olufemi Abinwaja, said he could not comment on the matter, as he was not handling such a case.

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