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Boy, 14, Dies After Alleged Failed Ritual In Edo



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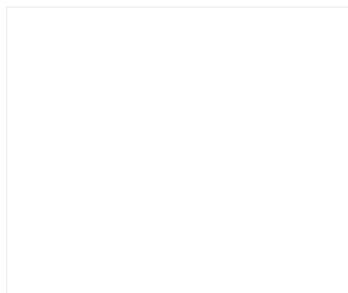
The Edo State Police Command has arrested two suspects in connection with the death of a 14-year-old boy identified as Okonkwo Obinna Emmanuel, following an alleged failed attempt to fortify himself with ritual against bottles.

The incident reportedly happened on April 2 at Iyamu Village, Illushi, Ubiaja, in Esan South East Local Government Area of the state and was reported to the police by the deceased's elder brother, Okonkwo Onyenbuchi.



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Source said a self-acclaimed native doctor, identified as Amechi Edozunor, in collaboration with one Kelvin Ugru, allegedly performed a charm on the victim to make him invulnerable to bottles.



He said after the ritual experiment, the suspects reportedly hit the deceased head with a bottle in an attempt to prove the efficacy of the charm, which resulted in a fatal head injury.

It was gathered that the victim was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was receiving treatment but eventually died on April 5.

The remains of the deceased were said to have been deposited at a mortuary for autopsy.

Sources said the suspects are currently being detained in police custody for further investigation.

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