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## Seven-year-old boy dies inside car boot

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**A** SEVEN-YEAR-OLD boy yesterday died inside the boot of his mothers' car while playing 'hide and seek' game with his sibling at the Government Reservation Area (GRA) of Ilorin, Kwara State. The sad event occurred around 3:00p.m.

Sources said parents of the victim were abroad when the sad incident occurred. It was learnt that the parents, had before embarking on the trip, made an arrangement with a family member to pick and drop the children to and from school.

"The boy's uncle had dropped the children at home after school. He dropped the car key on the dining table and left, only for the victim to pick up the key, went into the boot, slammed the door shut against himself, until he was brought out dead," the source told *The Guardian*.

Continuing, he said: "The younger one, who is about

two years old, lacked the understanding of the implications of what his elder brother had done. He nevertheless led a search party organised to look for the victim to the car and pointed to the boot, babbling.

Although the victim was gasping for breath when he was brought out after about three hours, he was nevertheless confirmed dead on arrival at a nearest hospital."

When news of the death got to the deceased's parents, they were expectedly shattered but summoned up courage by asking close family members to give the victim a solemn burial according to Islamic rites.

The Acting Director of National Orientation Agency (NOA) in the state, Segun Adeyemi, confirmed the incident, urging parents with vehicles to keep their car keys from the reach of their children and wards to prevent a recurrence.

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