

Father, Two Sons In Police Net Over Death Of 13-Year-Old

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The Police in Sapele, Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State have arrested a 57-years old man, Mr. Joseph Itoroh and his two sons, Tommy and Great Itoroh over the death of a 13 years old boy, Nyerhovwo Efetobor.

The incident was said to have happened on Friday night at about 12:32am when Nyerhovwo and his friend, another teenager went snails hunting at Ajogodo, Ajimele area of the town.

According to a source, who claim to be a family member of the Efetobos and don't want his name in print, "Nyerhovwo's father is in Ghana and he lives with his grandmother along the Sapele/Warri road in Ajogodo. That Friday night, he went

hunting for snails with his friend at about 11.30pm, Mr. Itoroh saw them and accused them of being thieves, not only were they tied, he and his sons battered Nyerhovwo to death, while his friend was badly injured before Vigilante arrived."

The vigilantes were said to have invited the police to the scene where he was arrested with his two sons.

At the Police Station in Sapele, Mr. Itoroh was said to have denied touching Nyerhovwo. "He said he did not touch the teenagers, that it was the vigilante who battered Nyerhovwo to death, but thank God, Ese (Nyerhovwo's friend) who was battered too and admitted in the hospital was brought to the Police Station to identify the killers," the source said.

Another source who claimed to be neighbour to the Itorohs and attracted by the teenagers' wail-

ing that night narrated that "Nyerhovwo was not only in pain, he cried and begged that he was not a thief but yet they went on beating them, even applying the mixture of salt and petrol on them."

However, at the Efetobos' residence, the late boy's mother, Mary, surrounded by sympathisers told journalists that Nyerhovwo was her only son and she can't understand why her son was killed like a chicken.

Attempt to reach the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Andrew Anieamaka to confirm the arrest was not successful as he promised to call back and did not before filing in this report, but a source at the Sapele Police station confirmed the story.

The Police source said, the suspects have been arrested, and they are doing all they can to get to the root of the matter.