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Swing Kills 11-year-old Boy In Delta

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An 11-year-old boy, Ifeanyi Chukwudi, met his untimely death at the weekend when he went to play with his mates on swings popularly called "jingle over."

The incident occurred at Onije Quarters, Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South local government area of Delta State.

Sources in the neighbourhood said the deceased, like other children in the neighbourhood usually go the play on the swings, locally constructed on Mango trees in the area and have often been warned about the danger of playing with the swing.

The sources said concerned elders in the community had often cut off the ropes fastened to the mango trees, to serve as a deterrent to the children, who go back to tie it soon after.

LEADERSHIP gathered that on the fateful day, the deceased had gone to reconstruct the swing after it was cut and was playing when suddenly, one of the ropes wound his neck, strangulating him to death.

It was further gathered that the victim's grandmother who had brought him up in the community right from when he was three-month-old, after his mother reportedly abandoned him, noticed his long absence and went into a search for the child, during which she found his body dangling from the tree with ropes around his neck.

Confirming the incident, police spokesperson in the state, DSP Celestina Kalu, described the incident as unfortunate and advised parents to always monitor the movement of their children and warn them against dangerous play.

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