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Bullet Proof: Teenager Dies Testing Potency In Osun

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Attempt to test the potency of a charm prepared to ward off bullets, has claimed the life of a teenager, simply identified as Rasheed Sulaimon in Asipa, a town in Ife North Local Government Area of Osun State.

It was gathered that the two people involved, Rasheed Sulaimon and Siji, had left the residential area for a desolate part of the town with the aim of testing the potency of an amulet someone made for Sulaimon, with the powers to ward off bullets.

A resident of Asipa town, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Sulaimon, a bricklayer apprentice, had told Siji, said to be his cousin, to accompany him to Anglican Church Area, in the town to test the charm someone just made for him.

"Sulaimon has always been a tough guy and he is a bit older than Siji. The two of them left for a desolate part of the town to test the charm. Though the day the incident happened was on the day our market here was being observed, no one saw them until gunshot was heard," a source in the town had explained.

According to those that arrived the scene of the incident shortly after the gunshot was allegedly fired, Siji, who fired the shot, reportedly said the deceased compelled him to shoot at him, to test the potency of an amulet he intended using during the forthcoming governorship poll.

It was further learnt that the incident which immediately threw the town into panic shortly after, has dominated discourse albeit in hush tones by people, while elders in the town, were said to have been paying close attention to youths with a view to identifying those of them that may be keeping similar charms, to retrieve them before another similar incident happens.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, of Osun State Police Command, DSP Folasade Odoro, said report of the incident was yet to be made.

She said: "No report made yet. At times, they would not report incident like that to the police".

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