

# Four die scooping fuel

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ABOUT four persons were found dead yesterday in a ditch; few kilometers from a street where a trailer fell.

A trailer loaded with 33,000 litres of fuel fell on Tuesday night on Eka Street, off Ikpoba Slope, Benin, Edo State destroying two vehicles and a garage.

Unknown to security operatives and the owner of the trailer, the fuel spilt flowed through the drainage on Ikpoba Slope and settled in a ditch where the boys were scooping the fuel.

The four, all boys, were said to have been found dead at about 4p.m when a man was looking for his son.

The man was said to have seen some jerry cans of fuel in his house, which made him suspect that his son has been scooping fuel from the tanker.

Sources said the boys might have jumped into the ditch when their hands could no longer reach the fuel.