

## Boy, 10, kills nine year-old girl in Otukpo

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**T**here was pandemonium in Otukpo, Benue State, Wednesday, when a nine-year old girl was shot by a 10-year old boy while they were playing with the girl's father's gun.

The deceased girl who was a daughter of a serving policeman, Sergeant Emmanuel Ekele, was shot dead by the boy at No 18, Ekwo Omenka Street.

According to eyewitness account, the incident occurred when the boy who lived next door to her asked the girl to show him her father's gun, a locally made pistol hidden under the bed. The boy was said to have picked the pistol which was loaded and aimed it at the girl and shot her point blank.

The corpse of the deceased was said to have been deposited at the General Hospital Otukpo mortuary, while the police has commenced investigation into the incident.

When contacted, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in Otukpo, Mr Francis Obinwa, who confirmed the incident expressed shock, adding that the killer boy was in police custody.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Otukpo Local Government Council, Dr Innocent Onuh, has condemned the resurgence of cult-related activities being experienced in Otukpo metropolis, saying the development was capable of leading to a breakdown of law and order.

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