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Pastor operates shrine behind church

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A man, who claimed to be a pastor in Ozoro, Delta State, but allegedly runs a shrine in his house, has been arrested by the police after he was said to have killed a boy identified as Evi Samson, brought to him for prayer.

He was nabbed by the police following a report by the father of the victim, Mr. Samson Uwhemw, of Erovie quarters, Ozoro, who claimed to have taken Evi to the pastor after his son developed swollen head and eyes in the night and died after drinking a black concoction prepared by the pastor.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the incident, yesterday, said the pastor is also a Registrar in a magistrate court in the state.

She said, “on receipt of the report, detectives swung into action and arrested the said pastor. The suspect claimed that what he gave the deceased was a bottle of coke.

“Items recovered on searching his house include some charms from his shrine behind the church.

“Meanwhile, the corpse of the deceased has been deposited in an hospital for autopsy while discreet investigation in the matter has commenced.”

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