

Police arrest suspects over death of 11-year-old boy in Delta

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ASABA—SOME persons have been arrested by the Police in Delta State over the mysterious death of 11-year-old boy in Asaba, the state capital.

The deceased boy, who was identified as Joshua Sunday, was a primary six pupil of Uzoigwe Primary School, Asaba.

The incident, which occurred last Sunday in Usonia area, near the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, roundabout within the Asaba metropolis, has caused tension in the neighbourhood.

Police Public Relations Officer, Bright Edate, who confirmed the incident, said some occupants of the compound where the deceased boy lived with his mother, Ms Christy Garuba, have been arrested.

Edate, said the police was waiting for autopsy report to ascertain the cause of the boy's death, adding that the matter was still being investigated.

Speaking to newsmen, mother of the deceased, Ms Christy Garuba, alleged that her son was murdered.

Garuba said: "I travelled to West, on my way back, I called my son, Joshua, to inform him that I was on my way home. But because of fuel scarcity, we were unable to get fuel on time, our movement was delayed.

"As I got to Asaba, around 7p.m., immediately I entered house, I saw my son's slippers scattered on the ground and I wondered why the slippers were scattered.

"I asked my house help the whereabouts of Joshua, she said she suspected he went to charge phone. I went to the place he normally charges his phone, he was not there.

"I started searching for my son everywhere but I didn't see him. It was later in the evening that day, I went to report the case at the Police A Division.

"After three days, I was told to go and check somewhere for my son, immediately I went there, and they later called me back that they have seen my son, I went back to my compound and saw my son dead inside a drum.

"The drum I collected water from to wash my face in the morning, was where they said they found my son."