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4-year-old Detroit girl finds rifle, kills cousin

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USPA News - A 4-year-old girl staying at the house of her grandparents in the U.S. city of Detroit on Thursday found a loaded rifle and fatally shot her 4-year-old cousin, police said on Friday. It was not immediately clear if anyone may face criminal charges.

The incident happened at around 4:35 p.m. local time on Thursday at a home on the city`s west side, where three young children had been left in the care of a family friend. Detroit police said a 4-year-old girl, while playing and watching TV, had found a loaded rifle under a bed and aimed it at her 4-year-old cousin, killing him with a single gunshot to his chest. "The 4-year-old male victim was visiting his grandparents who left the victim in the care of a family friend. The victim`s cousin, a 4-year old female, found a rifle inside the home and shot the victim while playing with it," a police spokesperson said on Friday, adding that the victim`s 5-year-old sister was also in the room. Police continued their investigation on Friday and the Wayne County Prosecutor`s Office will determine whether any adults will face criminal charges. It was not immediately clear who owned the small-caliber rifle, where the family friend was, and neither the name of the victim nor the name of the shooter were released.

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