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# Man kills seven-year-old son for missing school

**PADER.** The love for a bright future for a little son and forcing him to go to school at all cost has ended tragically for a father in Pader District.

The police in the district have now arrested the overzealous Denis Omony, 30, for allegedly beating to death his little boy after he reportedly refused to go to school.

Richard Odokonyero, 7, a Primary One pupil of Ogom Primary School in Pader District, was hit on the head by his irritated father after he reportedly refused to put on his school uniform and head to school, the local leaders said.

## Incident

The incident happened on Wednesday at Omaki Gira Village, Ogom Sub-county, Pader District.

## BACKGROUND

**Hit.** Richard Odokonyero, 7, a Primary One pupil of Ogom Primary School in Pader District, was hit on the head by his irritated father after he reportedly refused to put on his school uniform and head to

Mr Charles Otto Lalobo, the Ogom Sub-county chairperson, confirmed the incident in an interview yesterday.

He said the father became wild and repeatedly hit his son on the head with a big stick before the boy

school, the local leaders said.

**Held.** The Aswa River region police spokesperson, Mr Jimmy Patrick Okema, said the suspect is being detained at Pader Central Police station.

collapsed and breathed his last.

Mr Lalobo said Mr Omony had pleaded with his little boy several times to run to school, but his pleas went unheeded, prompting him to resort to violent punishment.

Mr Lalobo said the child had re-

fused to go to school, complaining of being mistreated by the stepmother and had requested his father to take him to his grandmother.

"This is a very unfortunate incident that shouldn't have happened. There are several ways a parent can use to teach children, but not violent punishment that leads to injuries and death. The police must follow up the matter and ensure the suspect is punished," Mr Lalobo said.

The Aswa River region police spokesperson, Mr Jimmy Patrick Okema, said the suspect is being detained at Pader Central Police station.

He said the suspect will be charged with murder.

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