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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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