**Sad year ending as juveniles killed in drowning, electrocution and lightning incidents- Zimbabwe**

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HARARE – In a sad year ending for their families, four juveniles died in separate incidents involving drowning, electrocution and lightning strike in three different parts of the country.

In one incident, police have confirmed the death of two boys aged 7 and 11 after they drowned in an unnamed river while swimming at Mutero Village, Muzokomba, Buhera on 30 December 2024.

“The incident occurred whilst the victims were herding cattle,” police said via their official X handle.

In another incident confirmed by police, a two-year-old infant was electrocuted while playing near a naked electricity wire connected from a metre box to the kitchen at a house in Unit M Extension, Seke, Chitungwiza on 30 December.

A day earlier, a 14-year-old girl died after being struck by lightning at corner Elizabeth Windsor Road and Mapereke Road, Marlborough, Harare.

Meanwhile, police have launched an appeal for information which may assist in the identification of a boy who was struck by a car just outside the Harare city centre on 18 October 2024 along Seke Road near ABC Auction Floor.

Police described the victim as “a male juvenile (approximately 12 years old, medium built and 1.2 metres in height)”.

“The victim was hit by a Honda Shuttle vehicle while crossing the road. The body is at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals mortuary.

“Anyone with information or may be missing a relative matching the description to report at any nearest police station.”