

ACCIDENTAL GUNSHOT KILLS 12-YEAR-OLD BOY IN DETROIT

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Booker T. Williams heard **Terry Gaines** ' frantic yell grow louder as **Gaines** ran down his near west-side block and raced up Williams' gray wooden porch steps Tuesday.

Williams opened the door to **Gaines** , who shouted, "Call the police, Booker. Oh my God, my son's been shot!"

The 72-year-old Williams hurriedly complied, then ran to the **Gaines** home. He found his neighbor with tears streaming down his cheeks as he attempted to resuscitate his son on the living room floor. The 12-year-old boy, **Terry Jr .**, was bleeding from a dime-size bullet wound in his right shoulder.

Williams said **Gaines** told him his 6-year-old daughter apparently had found a gun under a pillow and accidentally shot her brother.

"I put my hand on the child's neck and felt his pulse going real fast. **Terry** was doing everything he could to save him," Williams said. "Then the little guy's eyes rolled back in his head. I didn't tell his daddy but it was then, I knew that little boy was dead."

He was dead on arrival at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, police said.

Williams said he asked **Gaines** why the weapon wasn't locked up, "but by then **Terry** couldn't talk to nobody. He just kept saying over and over, 'My only son. My only son.' **Terry** will never get over this."

Police, who said the shooting occurred in the 2700 block of West Philadelphia about 4:30 p.m., would not say whether **Gaines** would be prosecuted under a new campaign against violence involving children.

Last Thursday, Police Chief Stanley Knox announced that if children were allowed access to weapons with death resulting, cases against parents would be handled by the homicide section. He also said the child abuse unit would prosecute parents when children got weapons and injured someone.

Knox could not be reached for comment Thursday. Police spokeswoman Allene Ray said the shooting was under investigation.

Richard Padzieski, chief of operations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said he agreed that parents should face prosecution if their negligent actions resulted in harm to a child.

He said prosecutors would review any information from Tuesday's case that police presented.

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