

Boy, 12, charged in brother's gun death

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Alaska state troopers have arrested a 12-year-old Eskimo boy on a charge of shooting and killing his 11-year-old brother during an argument.

While troopers did not identify who shot James Buster in the chest with a .22-caliber rifle Friday, villagers told the Anchorage Daily News the boy in custody said it was an accident.

Troopers said the shooting happened at a riverside family fishing camp, and after arguing, the older boy left and returned with the gun.

The boy will face a first-degree murder prosecution as a juvenile, the report said. Alaska law allows only for minors 16 or older to be tried in adult court on a murder charge.

Villager Willie Fitka told the newspaper the village of Marshall was tightly knit and residents were working together Monday to construct a coffin for the slain boy.

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