

Teen held for scalding homeless man

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A 14-year-old junior high school student has been arrested on suspicion of badly injuring a hearing-impaired homeless man by dousing him with scalding water in a Tokyo park, police said Tuesday.

The male teen, a resident of Chiba Prefecture who attends a school in Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo, was quoted by the Metropolitan Police Department as saying, "I thought it was fun because the man reacted wildly. I was way out of line."

He allegedly used an empty juice container to pour hot water on the 67-year-old victim at around 7:20 p.m. Sept. 18 while he was sleeping on a park bench in Chiyoda Ward. The man's neck and shoulders were badly burned, the police said.

The student, whose name is being withheld because he is a minor, allegedly told the police he carried out the attack because the man had told him three days earlier to move to make space around the park bench.

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