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## **Eight-year-old 'serial killer' held after third murder**

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BEGUSARAI: Eight-year-old Amardeep Sada only smiles at the policemen every time they ask him why he so brutally strangled six-month-old Khushboo on Tuesday. Police say Amardeep is a serial killer; he had earlier strangled to death his sister and cousin.

Amardeep's uncle admitted before mediapersons on Thursday the boy killed his six-month-old sister a few months ago and a cousin at his maternal uncle's place a year ago.

The earlier two killings went unreported. However, Amardeep's crime could not be pushed under the carpet this time since his latest victim was not a family member but lived in his neighbourhood in Musahari village under the Bhagwanpur police station.

Khushboo was sleeping alone in the village primary school while her mother Chunchun Devi was busy with chores at her house nearby when Amardeep strangled the infant and hit her with a brick before attempting to bury the body in the nearby field.

The boy later led the villagers to the spot and told them the gory tale of how he executed the killing.

Bhagwanpur police station officer incharge Shatrughan Kumar said the boy spoke little but smiled a lot. Patna-based psychoanalyst Shamshad Hussain said the boy prima facie appears to be a sadist who derives pleasure from inflicting injuries. A former professor of psychology in Patna University, meanwhile, said the boy does not have a sense of right or wrong.

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