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UNABOR Success Usigbe was healthy and full of life when he left home for a carnival organized by the youth in his neighbourhood, Lagos Street, Keke-Agege, a suburb of Lagos. But little did he know that he was treading on the path of death.

For what Success, 29-year-old salesman thought would give him a desired fun, being the festive period (the last Christmas) later resulted in a tragedy that sent him to his early grave.

He was allegedly stabbed to death by a 15-year-old secondary school student, for a minor disagreement over a female lover.

At the carnival programme, however, there were varieties of activities for the enjoyment of the participants who were mainly youths and teenagers males and females.

But trouble started, *Daily Champion* gathered, when it got to dancing time and participants began to pair themselves into opposite sex and the killer student, whose name is given simply as Wasiu, wanted to do as others; he went to kiss a lady, who was

not his lover.

It was also gathered that this act of the schoolboy infuriated Success, an Ishan, Edo State-born. He childed the student for what he described as an affront to the lady's dignity. But to the understanding of the student, Success challenge was an undue interference in the matter that did not concern him.

Investigation however revealed that the lady at the centre of the problem was Success friend's lover, who was not at the carnival.

So, for spoiling his fun, the SSS II student of Yowa High School, Agege, went for an empty bottle and smashed it on Success head after which, he stabbed him several. And Success it was further learnt fell down and was bleeding profusely while his attacker fled from the scene.

This incident, apart from bringing an abrupt end to the carnival, threw others at the event and people in the neighbourhood into confusion. And in this confused state, Success, who was writhing in pains in his pool of blood was taken to the hospital on Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja where his elder brother works. But because he

had lost so much blood, he died a few minutes on admission.

The case, which was earlier reported at the Isoko police station in Agege has since been transferred to the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) Panti Street, Yaba.

There, the alleged killer is currently helping the police in their investigation.

Nevertheless, when *Daily Champion* visited Success's brother, Mr. Okosun Saturday, who was yet to recover fully from the shock he lamented that it was just about three months ago that Success came to live with his family. And was now been killed over a minor and avoidable matter.

He said, in an emotion laden voice that it was an avoidable incident, which also took place at the wrong time, noting that he was at work when he received telephone call from his wife to break the news to him.

his words: "I was at work that fateful evening when my wife called me on phone at about 11.25pm that my brother had been stabbed and was

bleeding profusely. I was shocked and confused. I began to imagine how, where and when this would have taken place, because the news came as a surprise to me. But I just told her to bring him to the hospital, (Eko Hospital) where I work. But before they could get there, he had lost so much blood that nothing doctor could do again to save his life. So, he gave up after about three minutes he arrived the hospital.

Recalling their last moment together, the distraught brother, who noted that the deceased until his death, was a salesman at a family chemist shop, said "when I was going to work that evening, he (Success) and my wife were also preparing to go to the chemist shop, believing that there would be some sales, being the yuletide period because we also sell drinks. So, it was after I left that he changed his mind to attend the carnival instead. And I don't know as am talking to you why the sudden change of mind. And it is also funny again that when he was to leave home, he lied to my wife that he was going for church service. So it was through the incident that we knew the truth.