

# PARENTS DIFFER OVER SON'S KILLING CASE AT SULEJA



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The alleged electrocution of a 16-year-old boy in Suleja, has further strained relationship between his parents, who had parted ways before his birth.

Abdul'aziz Ibrahim, a primary six pupil and until his death last Sunday, an apprentice at an auto mechanic's garage in the town, was said to have died after grabbing a television antenna mounted in front of a house at Unguwar Aho in Suleja, Niger State. Mother of the deceased, while narrating the incident to City News, explained that the boy left home where he was living with her, to a family friend's house, adding that he died after touching a television antenna erected in front of a nearby house, according to what she was told about the incident.

She said the matter, which was reported at the Suleja "A" Division Police Station, by some community leaders in the area, was withdrawn by the father of the boy who, she said, had divorced her while she was eight months pregnant, carrying the son.

She said her ex-husband should have consulted her before withdrawing the case, alleging that she had been the person who solely took care of their late son - his schooling and other needs - without any contribution from the father.

Effort by our reporter to meet the owner of the house where the incident happened was not successful but the antenna has since been removed, it was noticed.

The ward head of the area, Malam Aliyu Haruna, while responding to City News' inquiries, said he met the owner of the house after he was released by the police, who had detained him for about three days over the incident.

He said he had informed him of the resolve of the community leaders to meet with him but that he was yet to honour the invitation, while the house seemed deserted.

Reacting, the Suleja "A" Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Francis Ekanem, who confirmed the incident, said the owner of the house was held for his safety and not arrested, adding that the case has been termed as Sudden and Unnatural Death (SUD).

The father of the boy could not be reached for comment but the DPO confirmed the position of the late boy's father of not continuing with the prosecution having 'left everything to God.'

He, however, denied closing the case, adding that it was still under investigation.

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