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Pandemonium, as student kills Senior Prefect in Onitsha



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Confusion best described the mood at Modebe Secondary School, Onitsha, on Tuesday when the Senior Prefect, Chukwuebuka Okanume, was killed by a fellow student over alleged act of indiscipline.

Daily Independent gathered that trouble started when the Senior Prefect queried his assailant (names withheld) a junior student in SS1, for flying his shirt while in the school.

The junior student allegedly told him that he was no longer in the school and that he came for his transfer certificate to Asaba, Delta State.

However, the Senior Prefect was said to have doubted the junior student and a heated argument ensued resulting in the Senior Prefect slapping the junior who

retaliated with a blow that hit the late Senior Prefect and knocked him out.

Probably the ring worn by the junior student believed to be a potent with a charm made the boxing escapade with the Senior Prefect a death sentence and he slumped instantly.

Late Okanume was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was confirmed dead by the medical team.

Daily Independent gathered that the family of Okanume of Uke, Idemili North Local Government Area, Anambra State, described the incident as unfortunate wondering why their son who could not harm a fly was to die this way.

The principal of the school, Mr. Ralph Machie, laden with emotions confirmed the incident but declined further comments.

The Chairman of the Post Primary School Services Commission Board (PPSSCB), Mrs Joy Ulasi, was panic stricken and confused over the incident that she cancelled off all engagements and also refused to answer phone calls.

When contacted, Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Uche Eze, said that investigation was on going to unravel the mystery behind the death.

Although the suspect was arrested by the police, students in and around Onitsha confirmed some cult members use the charms, codenamed “Etiada” — knock and fall, to defend themselves when attacked.

Unconfirmed reports had it as well that the mother of the deceased pleaded with the junior student to revive her son but the boy was adamant.

About 10 months ago , a teacher at St John of God Awka had in a process of disciplining a student allegedly “killed” the student as he collapsed after a little reprimand for not carrying out an assignment.

The innocent but prayerful teacher did all within her powers to deliver the chap from dying but all her efforts were proved abortive as the student died.

Following that incident, the Anambra state government