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## Fun seeker stabs man to death at carnival

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The weeks heralding the New Year are usually weeks of celebrations in Nigeria. Youths, societies and organisations take turns to celebrate in different ways.

Lagos-based indigenes of Esie community in Kwara State took their turn to have one of such celebrations on November 28 on Lagos Island. But the event turned tragic as one of the fun seekers, Taofeek Oso, allegedly stabbed Michael Oyawole to death.

PUNCH METRO gathered that Oso, 21, stabbed Oyawole with a broken bottle after an argument ensued among some youths at the event.

Spokesman of the state police command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed on Wednesday that Oso stabbed Oyawole with a broken bottle around 8.pm on the fateful day.

“He first broke the bottle on his head. He then stabbed Oyawole with the sharp edges of the bottle. In fact, the police from Adeniji Adele Division saved his (Oso) life as the mob at the venue of the event descended on him after seeing what he did. He was initially taken to the hospital and it was after he was stabilised that he was arrested,” Mba said.

He said initial investigations by the police showed that Oso was not invited to the Isale Eko Grammar School venue of the event.

“He gatecrashed and as soon as he entered he joined a fight, which broke out among some of the youths present at the event. We are yet to know the cause of the fight,” Mba said, adding that Oyawole died on the way to the hospital and his corpse had been deposited in a mortuary.

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However, Oso who spoke to our correspondent said he did not gatecrash into the venue but was invited by his friend, Muiz Onalaja.

Oso said, "A few minutes after we entered, we saw that some people were fighting and I went to settle the fight and make peace. Afterwards Oyawole held my trouser and said I allowed the people his group was fighting with to escape.

"Before I knew it, he and his friends started beating me. They threatened to kill me and throw my corpse into a bush. They stabbed me on the head, body and hands.

"I saw a bottle and picked it to scare them; they ran away after I picked the bottle but Oyawole did not run and as he held onto me; one of his friends came back and we started struggling with the bottle. I don't know how the bottle stabbed him. I just saw that he was bleeding."

But Mba said that Oso would be transferred to State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, for detailed investigation, adding that the police had also declared his friend, Onalaja, wanted.

"We know that as we approached the end of the year, there will be different celebrations; but the police are preaching the need for proper monitoring of what we eat, take and how we behave. People must party with sense to avert incidents of this nature," Mba said.

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