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# Expelled medical student kills self, one other in auto crash

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A final year medical student of the Benue State University, BSU, Nicholas Idoko, apparently killed himself, yesterday, in a motor accident after being expelled.

Sunday Vanguard learned that the deceased was involved in the accident along Abu King Shuluwa Road, Makurdi where, on top speed, he crashed a Honda 'Baby Boy' car, minutes after he threatened to commit suicide following the news of his expulsion from the school got to him.

He allegedly killed himself and a pedestrian whom he ran over on the sidewalk of the road when his skidded off the road and summersaulted severally before ending across the sidewalk.

According to one of his schoolmates who spoke on condition of anonymity, the student who, like other mates, had spent ten years in the six-year medical course due to non accreditation of medical courses in the institution, was asked to quit the school after failing a course he carried over.

"He was with his course mates when the news came to him that he should leave the school because he failed a course he carried over in

a programme, after having spent ten years in the institution and also done his clinical," the mate said.

"On getting the news, he threatened to kill himself, saying he would not be able to stand the shame of not making it out of school, that the trauma would be too much for him and his parents.

"So when we had that he crashed with the car along Abu King Shuluwa Road, most of us concluded that he had carried out the threat, and we feel pained because the school management acted wrongly by expelling a medical student that had spent ten years in an institution due

to no fault of his.

"Their decision must have forced the young man into talking his own life as he threatened; and, if on the other hand the accident occurred because his lost control of the car, it could be because he was unstable emotionally and, in that state, it was difficult to control a car while on top speed".

The death of the student forced his mates numbering over 100 to barricade the ever busy Makurdi-Gboko highway with a coffin and bonfire alleging that the student committed suicide as a result of his frustration after spending 10 years in the institution.

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