**Lightning claims one (Zimbabwe)**

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A 27-year-old carpenter from Kwekwe died after being struck by a bolt of lightning while working on a house in Redcliff.

Mr Knowledge Ncube from Mbizo 15 died on the spot after he was struck by lightning while roofing a house in Rutendo suburb in Redcliff last Saturday.

His next of kin, Mr Prince Vhiriri, confirmed the incident and said the family was still in shock.

“We are still to come to terms with the whole incident, which took the life of Knowledge,” said Mr Vhiriri.

He said on the fateful day, Mr Ncube left home for Redcliff to work on the roof of one of his clients.

He said they later got a call informing them that he had died.

“We received a call from one of his workmates that Knowledge had been killed by lightning,” said Mr Vhiriri.

Mr Vhiriri said the family was suspecting foul play as it did not rain on the day.

“There was no rain on the day, although there were some clouds in the sky. There was not even a drizzle, but we heard that he was killed by lightning, it’s shocking,” he said

Acting Midlands police spokesperson Assistant Inspector Ethel Mukwende said she was yet to receive the report.