

## Lightning kills Form Three student in Limuru [Kenya]

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Lightning has killed a Form Three student in Limuru. Vivex Odero was struck by the thunder clap on Sunday as he left a church service at Kamonde village, Limuru District. The 18-year-old Tigoni Secondary School boy had earlier been told by a shopkeeper to wait for the rains to clear, but said he was fine.

Distraught father James Odero of the Kenya Institute of Advanced Training said his son died only metres from home. The impact lifted the schoolboy up and flung him onto a tree. "I had left him sleeping in the morning when as I came back in the afternoon, I received a phone call that something had happened at home.

On arrival, I found people outside and saw the blanket that he had covered himself with in the morning covering him on the ground," said Odero. "He was my only remaining son whom I had hoped in, I have lost my other children one by one in different ways. This is a bad experience to us but we shall give glory to god as he does according to his will," added Odero.

Lamek Mutunda, David Mutonyi and Douglas Momanyi who are neighbors said that they escaped death narrowly. Mutunda said that they were busy boiling water to milk cows when the lightning struck. He said that the lightning lead to a blackout for about three hours as two transformers broke down and wires cut down. "We were getting ready for work to milk cows when we saw a very bright light followed with a heavy thunder. The thunder was heavy such that we first took refuge. After some minutes, we received report that Odero was no more. The lighting broke down two transformers and cut the wires," said Mutunda.

The blackout and the heavy rain on Sunday led to Cardinal John Njue, summon stopped for about an hour. Njue was speaking at St Charles Lwanga Church Kiawaroga during the celebration of 110 years where he led a fundraiser and installed the new Parish pastoral Council and opened the new Cathedral. Present during the ceremony was the outgoing Chairman Boro, University of Nairobi Chancellor Joe Wanjui, Limuru aspirants George Mara and Njoroge Thige.