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A teenage Muslim student was killed after he and his friends were attacked by a gang of drunken racist thugs, a court heard yesterday.

Mohammed al-Majed, 16, suffered serious brain injuries when he was punched in the face by George Austin. The blow sent him flying and he hit his head on the road.

Al-Majed, who was days from returning to Qatar after studying English here, was chatting with fellow foreign students outside a kebab shop when a group of young white men and women allegedly began taunting them.

Prosecutor Camden Pratt QC said there was a stark contrast between the two groups because the foreign students were sober and the English youths had been drinking heavily.

Paul Rockett, 21, allegedly took a drunken swing at Mohammed's 17-year-old black friend Peter Henworth after demanding: "Where are you from?"

His attempted punch missed and Peter fled - as one thug yelled: "Come back here, you n****r," the court was told.

Mr Pratt said: "They picked on him because he was black - because of their presumption of his race and by reason of their prejudice.

"The group of white men ran after him but simply could not catch him."

The court heard Mohammed initially hid in the kebab shop in Hastings, East Sussex, with his 16-year-old cousin Abdullah Alnowais and Saudi Arabian student Mojeb Qatani, 14.

But he decided to make a run for it and fled straight into the path of Austin, 22, who was returning to the kebab shop after chasing Peter.

Mr Pratt said: "The Crown says George Austin ran at Mohammed and punched him right in the face.

"It was so hard it knocked 16-year-old Mohammed off his feet and effectively into the air with the force of impact.

"Mohammed went backwards through the air, striking the back of his head on to the road. Some witnesses indicated that he immediately may have begun convulsing."

Austin is alleged to have turned on Abdullah and asked him if he wanted a fight.

Mr Pratt said Mojeb was then attacked by Alex Quinn, 19, who came up from behind and smashed over the head with a bottle.

When police arrived, Austin and Quinn fled while Rockett was arrested for being drunk.

Mohammed, who had regained consciousness, was also initially held in a police van before he was taken to hospital by ambulance.

A scan found he had a brain haemorrhage and a fracture to his skull and it was decided to transfer him to King's College Hospital in London for specialist treatment.

Two days later he went into cardiac arrest and died. Mr Pratt said: "That cardiac arrest was a direct result of the head injury that was caused by George Austin's assault."

Rockett and Quinn later told police that Mohammed's friends had started the midnight fracas and claimed the students were a gang who were "trying to turn all the kids into Muslims".

Austin went to Cyprus - later claiming he did not know Mohammed had died and had simply travelled abroad for work.

He was arrested by officers when he flew in to Gatwick Airport in November and has been in custody ever since.

He does not deny punching Mohammed but claims self defence. Mohammed's family have flown in from Qatar for the trial.

Austin of Bermondsey, South London, denies manslaughter.

Rockett, of Etchingam, East Sussex, denies racially aggravated assault. Quinn, of Hastings, denies wounding. The trial continues.

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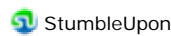
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