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## **I4S video: National prize for student film on knife crime**

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A University of Portsmouth Film and TV Production student has won a national competition for his powerful film about the effects of knife crime.

Tom Greenidge, 20, made his 90-second film 'Who's The Victim?' about the horror knife crime brings to the victims and their attackers for the Daily Mirror's Stop Knives, Save Lives Film Competition.

The competition, run by the newspaper in conjunction with The Life Channel, asked young filmmakers to produce a film no longer than 90 seconds about perceptions of knife violence. Greenidge won the top category for 18 to 21-year-olds.

He said: "It was just an idea to look at the other side of knife crime.

"I wanted to look at what happens to the kids who stab someone and end up wrecking their own lives too - victims of their own stupidity.

"Lots of kids must carry a knife because they're scared. If they use it, everything is destroyed for them too. I wanted to get people to think about the consequences of going around armed so I took the perspective of the perpetrator who loses all his friends and ends up racked with guilt."

Greenidge wrote, acted, edited and directed the film himself and fellow TV and Film Production student, Owen Hughes, did the camera work.

The film was judged by a panel which included members of the police and actor Ray Winstone.

Greenidge's prize is a new Flip Video Camcorder and the chance to spend a week working on the set of Street Dance, a British feature film which is being shot in London and features Britain's Got Talent stars George Sampson, Diversity and Flawless.

His film will now be shown across The Life Channel's networks in school, colleges and GP surgeries.



*Tom Greenidge*