

Friends and family remember Isiah Haggins Jr.

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DAYTON, Ohio (WDTN) — Family and friends gathered outside of a Dayton shopping plaza to remember a teen shot in an apparent robbery attempt.

Isiah Haggins Jr., 16, was shot multiple times by the owner of the Step-N-Style clothing store in the Northwest Shopping Plaza on West Siebenthaler Avenue on June 30. Police said Haggins, along with another suspect, walked into the store armed with guns in a reported robbery attempt.

Since Haggins' death was declared a homicide, the Sisters of the Precious Blood held a vigil for him Saturday afternoon.

People gathered Saturday outside of the store to pray for Haggins and his family; his mother says the loss is tough.

"He was a young child that made a bad decision that cost him his life, but he was only 16. I'm pretty sure we've all done something that could cost us our lives at the age of 16. He was not a bad kid. He was

just a child trying to be a teenager," said Haggins' mother Candace Talbott.

Police said the Step-N-Style owner was acting self defensive when he shot Haggins Junior; another suspect remains on the loose following the attempted robbery at the urban clothing store.

Talbott recognizes that her son's actions were wrong but his death is not something she can let go.

"Do not let this just fly away as if it was just a murder that may have been justified. My son was shot four times. A 16-year-old kid was shot four times."

Talbott says her son simply fell in with the wrong crowd.

Her family agrees noting that they had a feeling some of the guys he hung around were up to no good.

Now as they remember their loved ones, they urge all parents to trust your instincts and save your children from what happened in this case.

"And I want every parent to understand, you can say it, because I've said it before, 'not my kid, my child would never do anything like that' You can say it all day but once that child walks outside your door, you're no longer around him, you do not know what that child will do," said one attendee of the vigil.

The second suspect who was with Haggins Jr. fled and is still on the loose.

Police are reviewing surveillance video from the store and the shopping plaza as part of their investigation.

To view the video, click [here](#).