

I'll not allow mother's death to be swept under carpet – Son of woman killed by driver

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Son of 74-year-old Mrs Sabitiyu Adegbebi, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver, Adeloye, has asked the Ondo State Police Command to prosecute the killer of his mother.

Mrs Adegbebi was killed in Owo in Owo Local Government Area of the state by a driver in the early hours of Saturday. Since the death of the woman, the suspected killer, Mr Samuel Adeyeri, popularly called Ashami is yet to be charged to court.

But yesterday, Adeloye and his family members petitioned the Commissioner of Police, Mr Abiodun Asabi, on the delay in prosecuting the suspected killer of their mother.

The family in the petition accused the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) 'A' Division Ijebu Owo area of trying to shield the suspect from the long arm of the law.

The petition through the family's lawyer, Mr Kehinde Ojo, read; "on 11th November, 2023 at about 5:00 pm, the suspect Mr. Samuel Adeyeri a.k.a Ashami, while driving at a high speed and in a reckless manner hit the mother of one Mr. Adeloye Adegbebi on the road and this led to her untimely death.

"Luckily this suspect, Samuel Adeyeri was apprehended by passersby and he was forced to report himself at the 'A' Division of the police command, at Ijebu Owo, Ondo State. The passersby were stunned at the gruesome murder of the poor

woman due to the highly reckless driving of the suspect, but the passersby were also shocked that the suspect was released by the police officers at the station on that same day.

"And our client, the son of the deceased, Adeloye Adegbebi, who was staying in Lagos State had to travel down to Owo, Ondo State, because of the incident, but when he got to the station the following day, he was taken aback when he was informed by the DPO in charge of the case that the suspect has been released.

"Further to this; Adeloye Adegbebi was disdained, shocked, and very embarrassed to his marrow with the way and manner the investigation was done at 'A' Division police station at Owo as same is nothing to write home about.

"This is a case wherein, our client's mother lost her life due to the reckless driving of the suspect and the case was not even charged to court at all and no recourse whatsoever was made to the family of the deceased; while the suspect in the case has been released completely by the officers in charge and he has been boasting around in town that there is nothing that will be done to him in respect of the case."

Adeloye urged the Commissioner of Police to use his good office to look into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

He added that the case should be transferred to Akure, the state capital, as the family could not guarantee the proper investigation by the police in Owo.