

Love gone sour: How police sergeant killed lover, self in Kwara

Residents of Agba Dam in Ilorin West Local Government Area of Kwara State woke up to a gory scene on Thursday when a mobile police officer shot his lover dead before killing himself in the premises of a nursery school. *Daily Trust on Sunday* writes on the tragedy which has gone viral on social media platforms.

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On Thursday, March 2, 2023, the Redemption Model Nursery and Primary School, Agba Dam, Ilorin, located inside the Chapel of Redemption UMCA, attracted national limelight following the murder of a mother of one, Bamidele Cecilia Oluwatosin, inside the school premises.

The deceased, said to be a cleaner at the Banquet Hall opposite the Government House, was the mother of Desmond, a pupil of the school who will be celebrating his third birthday on May 12, 2023.

Traumatized Samuel Ayeni, the head teacher of Redemption Model Nursery and Primary School only said Cecilia Oluwatosin has a "two-year-old son in the school whom she usually drops off during week days."

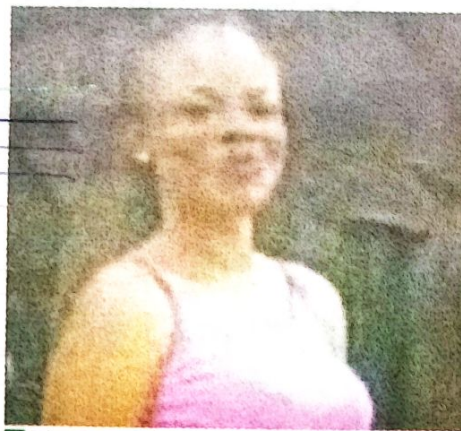
He declined any further comment on the matter after several visits to the facility asking our correspondent to seek answers with the police who is already investigating the matter.

Daily Trust on Sunday gathered that some of the parents refused to allow their children attend school on Friday because of the incident which caused panic around the area.

Oluwatosin was killed at about 8am by one Sergeant Michael Olalere, 40, a Mobile Police Officer (MOPOL) attached to 15 PMF, Oyun area, Ilorin who also shot himself in the process.

According to residents and shop owners around the school who spoke to our correspondent, the deceased mobile police officer trailed his lover to the school premises and waited for her to come before opening fire on her at close range.

Some of them were astonished as to why "A young and promising guy like this will kill himself because of a side chic, without considering what his beautiful family will face."



■ The late fiancée, Oluwatosin

"The officer was dressed in a camouflage police uniform. He entered the school premises at about a few minutes before 8am in his Toyota Corolla car earlier than his female friend who had brought her son to the school later.

"Immediately she walked him, he brought out his AK-47 rifle and shot Oluwatosin on the chest three times at close range and she died on the spot.

"He thereafter shot himself on the throat which blew off some part of his head and the two of them were there in a pool of blood before the police came to evacuate their bodies about one hour later. It was really a gory scene", a resident, Mr Olaleye Arodeyo, told our correspondent.

The police after the shocking incident, denied it was a case of police brutality but rather that of "love gone sour" between the former lovebirds.

Daily Trust on Sunday gathered that the late 40-year-old officer with force number F/ NO 497093 was attached to one of the aides of the Kwara State Governor but recently left the position.

Sources told our correspondent that it was



■ Late sergeant Olalere

while serving at the Government House that he met Oluwatosin.

Several visits that lasted two days by our correspondent to the family house of the deceased female lover located at Erin Ile Road, Gaa Akanbi, Ilorin, to speak with her elder sister was not successful. She pleaded for more time to allow her overcome the emotional trauma as a result of the incident.

But residents who spoke on the issue said they have been dating for a while but trouble started when the late Oluwatosin said she was no longer interested in the relationship.

"What we understand is that Oluwatosin had a fiancé abroad whom she had a son for, and who was preparing to come to Nigeria having left for Dublin about a year ago.

"Because of that, she wanted to end the affair which triggered their frosty relationship and their fatal end," one of the residents, Mrs Hannah, said.

Unconfirmed reports said Olalere had told some of his colleagues on the day of the incident that he was going to kill somebody and also kill himself.

"But many of them didn't believe him