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Family of man killed by telecommunication firm's truck in Ondo task police on justice

THE bereaved family of an auto-mechanic, Sunday Oladokun, who was allegedly crushed to death in a fatal accident at the Olu-foam, along Ilesha-Owo Expressway, have tasked Ondo State Police Command for justice.

Oladokun's relatives made the plea while reacting to the death of the breadwinner and father of four, after the fateful incident last Saturday,

accusing security agents of an attempt to pervert justice.

According to reports gathered by The Guardian, the 40-year-old Oladokun closed from work at about 7:30pm and headed home from his office around Agbogbo Junction on the Ilesha-Benin Expressway axis, which is a few kilometres drive away from his Olu-foam residence.

He, however, had no inkling that death was lurking around the corner as he drove home in his blue old model car, which he bought less than two months ago on installment payment and was yet to complete the payment till his demise.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Ayomide Akingbade, said he and another friend had barely flagged down Oladokun for the usual free ride home, but before the batting of an eyelid, a diesel tanker driver made a reckless overtaking and crushed him in a head-on collision.

Another eyewitness, Tobi Dara, a colleague of Oladokun, said it took spirited efforts from the people at the scene to extricate the remains of the deceased from the wreck of his newly bought Volkswagen Passat.

Speaking for the relatives, his sibling, Seun Oladokun and another friend, Tajudeen Lawal, accused the police and Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) of complicity and trying to pervert justice in favour of the telecommunications firm, which owns the diesel tanker.

According to them, the police were already trying to destroy the exhibits they would use to prosecute their case in the court of law.

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But the State Police Commissioner, Isaac Eke, remarked it was too early to conclude who was at fault since it was a case of a fatal accident.

He assured them that all those found culpable in the incident would be brought to book and punished after the appropriate department of the Command must have finished its investigation.

The fatal accident occurred less than 48 hours after the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) protested nationwide against the incessant deaths of people on the highway by truck and trailer drivers, urging the government at all levels to restrict their movement from 7:00am to 6:00 pm daily.

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