

# Auto crash kills one, six others injured along Abeokuta-Ibadan highway

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**T**HE Ogun State Police Command has launched an investigation into a fatal motor accident that occurred on February 4, 2025, along the Abeokuta-Ibadan highway near Ajebo village.

The crash, which happened around 2:30 p.m., involved a Lexus ES 350 and a Zafira 1.8 Space Wagon, resulting in one death and injuries to six others.

According to eyewitnesses, the accident was caused by reckless driving by the Lexus driver, **Abiodun Michael, 26**, of Isolu, Funaab Road, Abeokuta. He was reportedly travelling toward Abeokuta from Ibadan when he failed to slow down while negotiating a bend, lost control, and veered into the opposite lane. The Lexus collided head-on with the

Zafira, driven by 55-year-old Popoola Ishola Kayode of Olodo via Odeda.

Tragically, Mr Kayode died at the scene, while six of his passengers sustained injuries.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson for the Ogun State Police Command, CSP Omolola Odutola, said the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Odeda Division dispatched motor traffic police and patrol teams to the scene immediately after receiving the report.

The injured passengers were promptly taken to General

Hospital, Odeda, for medical attention. Those with severe fractures were later transferred to the Federal Medical Centre, Idi-Aba, Abeokuta, for specialised care.

Odutola added that the family of the deceased had retrieved his body for burial in accordance with Islamic rites, while the vehicles involved in the accident were towed to the police station for safekeeping and forensic examination.

"The driver of the Lexus car and his occupants fled the scene. The police are actively working to locate the suspect and bring him to justice," Odutola said.

She appealed to anyone with information on the whereabouts of the fleeing driver or witnesses to come forward and assist the investigation.



Corps Marshal Shehu Mohammed