

## Tragic death of policeman hours to promotion

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***His family was eagerly waiting to usher in the New Year because of the good tiding it will bring for its breadwinner. His promotion to inspector was to take effect January 1. But three hours to the New Year, Sergeant Sunday Clement, 41, was knocked down by a commercial motorcyclist and he died, BISI OLADELE reports.***

All had been set for the New Year celebration. Members of Sergeant Sunday Clement's family were in high spirits for the double joy which January 1, had in stock for them. It was to be the witness of a New Year and the day the promotion of his bread winner to inspector would have taken effect. But it was not to be.

The late Clement, 41, was a Sergeant with the Highway Patrol in Akinyele Police Division, Ibadan the Oyo State capital. He was one of the drivers in the unit.

His team went on duty on Ijaye/Iseyin Road on the eve of the New Year to wrap up the year when a commercial motorcyclist allegedly knocked him down while he was crossing the road. Within one-and-a-half hours of the accident, Sunday died, terminating the double joy awaiting him and his household last January 1.

His widow, Bola, in an emotional recall of how her heartthrob died on New Year's eve, said she was at the middle of a church service to usher in the New Year when her phone rang repeatedly. The repeated calls forced her to excuse herself from the church to return the call to her husband's telephone line that had been calling.



But she was greeted by a strange voice that declared: "This is not your husband. I am his boss. Your husband had an accident a while ago and we have rushed him to a private hospital in Akinyele. Please come over here."

She continued: "After receiving the call, I didn't know what to do. I invited one of my friends in the church to accompany me to the hospital. On getting to the hospital, the doctor told me that he had internal bleeding; having fallen on his occiput. The injury on the occiput was deep but the doctor plastered it after applying treatment. He advised us to take him to the University College Hospital (UCH).

"When we got to UCH, they admitted him immediately. The doctors told me that he needed oxygen. Hence, they asked me to go and look for a large amount of money. Then, I came home reluctantly, thinking of the sad incident and where to get such huge amount of money.

"I arrived at home at 1:00 a.m. When I called again, they told me he was responding to treatment."

