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## Valentine's Day tragedy: LG chairmanship aspirant shot dead by drunk cop

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The yearly lover's day celebration popularly called Valentine's Day celebration which came up on Friday ended in tragedy in Oro town, Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara state when a former local government chairmanship aspirant, Mr Femi Awoyale, was killed by a drunk policeman.

Most young people and the young-at-heart had besieged different fun spots to celebrate the day with their loved ones and just as other fun seekers, the aspirant under the Peoples Democratic Party(PDP) was at Topmost Hotel in Oro.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the management of the hotel had invited policemen to provide security for the Valentine's Day fun seekers at the fun spot.

At about 11:15pm, the source said, the police officer, whose name is yet to be known, suddenly woke up from sleep when he heard some noise from some people trying to foment trouble and shot twice into the air.

After the tension was successfully doused, it was said that the policemen was about to rest again when his gun hit the wall.

Bullets were sporadically released and had hit Awoyale on the chest, resulting in him falling in his own pool of blood, the source said.


The man reportedly attempted to stand but fell down and died before he could be given first aid.


It was gathered that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) mortuary.




Meanwhile, the death of the former PDP chairmanship aspirant had triggered wild protest by the youth of Oro town, while some anti-riot policemen and military personnel, drafted by the state police command, were seen in the town trying to restore normalcy, law and order.





Speaking on the development, the state Police Public Relations Officer(PPRO), Ajayi Okasanmi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police confirmed the incident, disclosing that the errant policeman had been arrested and was undergoing interrogation at the Kwara State Police headquarters, Ilorin.

He also assured the people of the town and state in general that investigations had commenced and

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