

December 27th, 2013



Search this website...

Search



Home	i-punch	News	Business	Sports	Opinion	Metro	Entertainment	Health	Feature
Blogs	Jobs	Forum							

You are here: [Home](#) / [News](#) / Ogun fire truck kills woman, son, grandpa

Ogun fire truck kills woman, son, grandpa

DECEMBER 25, 2013 BY SAMSON FOLARIN 19 COMMENTS

Like 26 g+1

| credits: Samson Folarin

It was tears at Ijako Owode Road, Sango Ota area of Ogun State after an emergency fire service truck belonging to the Ogun State Government Fire Service swerved off the road and crushed a trader, Bunmi Fatoyinbo, her seven-year-old son, Emmanuel Fatoyinbo and her 76-year-old father, Pa Moses Sogunro.

The incident, which happened on Friday afternoon, was said to have thrown residents into confusion and caused a gridlock for hours.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Baba Vulcaniser, said the crimson-coloured Mercedes Benz 911 water truck, marked, Ogun AG 123 A09, was occupied by two men and a woman.

Our correspondent learnt that it was driven by one Sokunbo Michael of Ogun State Fire Service, Ota.

The eyewitness added the driver was on top speed, before he lost control and rammed the vehicle into where the victims were sitting.

He said, "We have all been here together for the past eight years and Fatoyinbo (Bunmi) had been the one selling food, recharge cards to all of us.

"On Friday, around 1pm, I saw the truck coming on top speed. The brake must have failed; the driver swerved off the road and headed straight for where she was sitting. Her father was on a brief visit and was with her. The truck crushed Fatoyinbo (Bunmi), Emmanuel and their grandpa."

Our correspondent learnt that the fire truck was still fully loaded with water and was returning from a fire incident scene when the tragedy happened.

The first daughter of the deceased woman, Esther, told our correspondent that the three victims were rushed to a specialist hospital, where her mother gave up.

"Before the accident, my mom had sent me on an errand. I was in the bus when people started calling me from different places, saying there had been an accident.

"When I finally got there, my mom had been rushed to Medicare Hospital in Ado Odo, Ota. The doctors said they needed blood for her. Before I knew it, she just stopped breathing and I was told she had died."

The first son of Sogunro and a brother to Bunmi, Oluwatoyin Sogunro, said the remaining two victims were referred to another hospital in Lantoro, Abeokuta.

He added that before they could get to the hospital, they also died, throwing the entire family into mourning.



Most Read Recent Comments Most Commented



Banker arrested for withdrawing N50m from customers' accounts



Jonathan orders probe into battering of pregnant woman



Presidency, APC clash over Obasanjo-Jonathan letters



Foreign private jet operators scramble for Nigerian market



2015: Pro, anti-Jonathan groups spring up on Facebook

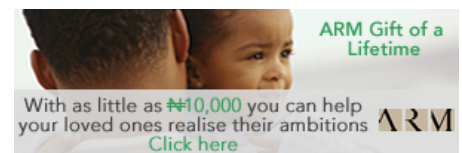
Columnists



2013: A year of unfulfilled expectations

"Let me assure you and indeed all Nigerians that 2013 will be better for us than 2012 in all aspects..."

Read More



When our correspondent visited the Sango Police Station on Monday, where family members had gathered to see the policemen investigating the incident, the remaining five children of the deceased were there.

One of them, 10-year-old David, who is in Primary four, said their mother had promised to take them to a tailor a day to the incident.

He said, "My mom told us to prepare to take our cloths to a tailor for Christmas on Thursday. Then on Friday, when I was playing in our neighbour's house, they called me. I saw my sister, Esther crying; she said mummy had died. When they told daddy that mummy had died, daddy also fainted and people started to beat his chest to wake him up. After that time, they told me that my grandpa and Emmanuel died too."

The husband of the deceased, Sunday Fatoyinbo, said his world had collapsed because his late wife had been the bread winner of the family since he lost his job 10 years ago.

The certified Agricultural Science expert pleaded with the state government to give him a job, and give scholarship to his children who now faced a bleak future without the usual support of their mother.

He said, "Being a Christian, I have taken this tragedy with a strong mind. Losing three souls in a day is painful. I have nothing left again. I lost my job 10 years ago, and it had been my wife that was supporting the family and sending the children to school.

"I have handed this matter to God. But I appeal to the government to give me a job, and probably give scholarship to my first and second born, to relieve me of this burden."

The Police Public Relations officer for Ogun State command, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident and said the suspect was in police custody and would be charged for manslaughter.

He added that the Fatoyinbo family had told the police that they were not interested in pursuing a court case against the driver.

He said, "The family has said they don't want any case. However, as police officers, we would play our role and pursue the course of the law. It is now left to them to file an application to the court to indicate that they were no longer interested."

The head of the Ogun State Fire Service, Sango Unit, Mr. Obiwunmi Akanbi, said the agency had visited the deceased family to condole with them and would render all necessary assistance.

"We are with them as we speak because we heard that mother and son will be buried soon," he said.

Copyright PUNCH.

All rights reserved. This material, and other digital content on this website, may not be reproduced, published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed in whole or in part without prior express written permission from PUNCH.

Contact: editor@punchng.com

You may also like -



Ex-Anglican primate, Akinola, abducted, rescued



Ex-Anglican primate kidnapped, rescued in Ogun



UK storms kill four



He lost passion for Medicine, made First class in Economics



Things are getting better in Ogun, says Obasanjo

Read 2,523 times

More Stories in News

Egypt continues clampdown on Muslim Brotherhood supporters

December 27th, 2013 / Comments

[Read Full Story](#)

China jails security operatives over trader's death

December 27th, 2013 / Comments

SAVE TIME! OPEN A UBA ACCOUNT ONLINE

[Apply Now](#)

AWANGO by TOTAL

No more dark nights

Awango by Total is a new range of solar-powered lighting products that allow you to light up your homes without electricity or candle. You can also use it to charge your phones. It is safe and affordable.

introducing... CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Win dozens of prizes every week from Nov 18th till Christmas Day!

[Click Here to Join](#)

www.skyebanking.com

Skye Bank

The Punch

[g+](#) Follow +1

+ 258

Any Make

Any Model

MIN ₦ MAX ₦ Search



[Ford Transit](#)
Lagos, ₦ 1,200,000/- Neg.



[Honda CR-V](#)
Lagos, ₦ 3,300,000/- Neg.



[Honda CR-V](#)
Lagos, ₦ 4,500,000/- Neg.