

Man arraigned for N1.1

Alexander Okere, Benin

A 57-year old man, Olusanmi Kolawole, has been arraigned before an Egor Magistrates' Court in Benin, Edo State, for allegedly defrauding five job seekers

to the tune of N1,160,000.

Olusanmi, who was arraigned on five counts bordering on obtaining money under false pretence, said to have committed the offence on April 8, 2013, in the Egor Government Area of the state.

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(Savage) visited me, once while I was in the hospital and he paid my hospital bill."

Savage, who spoke to our correspondent on the phone, said he had come to the school on the fateful day to discuss his child's poor performance with the principal. He said he made efforts to save Olayinka's life to no avail.

He said, "I did not drive recklessly. I did not know he (Olayinka) was behind the car, trying to pick something and I didn't see him in my rear-view mirror. I rushed him to Ayodele Medical Centre and the doctor tried his best. The doctor said he had an internal hemorrhage.

"I took him to the mortuary and I was subsequently detained at a police station for two days. It was not intentional. I also have children. I wanted to see the principal to discuss my child's poor performance."

One of Olayinka's teachers, who did not want his name in print, blamed the accident on the inadequate security in the school.

He said, "The baale was not aware that the boy was at the back of his car. I still believe the accident could have been averted if he (baale) was more careful

boy's head and he died afterwards.

"The incident was reported at the Iju Police Station.

"Besides, his mother should not have allowed a little child like that to wait that long for his sister. Our school closes at 1pm; the mother should have come to pick him herself. The security here is lax. We have only two security guards manning the seven schools. The guards resume by 8am and close at 2pm.

"The school compound has become vulnerable to hoodlums since its fence collapsed. Our pupils are no longer safe from intruders and abductors. These are imminent dangers which need the government's attention urgently. The seven schools have a population of over 5,000."

The Head Teacher of the school, Mrs. Sowunmi, declined to comment on the incident and referred our correspondent to her superiors.

"I cannot talk to the press concerning the incident. Please, meet those at the top," she said.

The Lagos State Police spokesperson, DSP Joe Offor, had yet to reply to a text message sent to his

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