

# Controversy surrounds death of Ekiti cop, other

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There is a controversy surrounding the death of a policeman, Inspector Gabriel Kayode, and one Albert Afolayan, who were knocked down by a vehicle in Ado Ekiti on Tuesday morning.

It was learnt that Kayode of the State Intelligence Bureau and Afolayan were knocked down by a vehicle around 10am at Fajuyi in Ado Ekiti.

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The Special Assistant to Governor Ayodele Fayose on Public Communications and New Media, Lere Olayinka, had claimed that the police officer was knocked down by one of the vehicles on the campaign train of the governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress, Dr Kayode Fayemi.

But the Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Bello, said no vehicle in Fayemi's convoy killed anyone.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Ekiti, ASP Caleb Ikechukwu, who spoke on his behalf, said the CP was in Fayemi's convoy and nothing of such happened.

"The CP was in the convoy and led the security team; nothing of such happened," he said.

Ikechukwu later gave the identity of the driver of the car as Abayomi Ismaila Damilare.

He said he was driving a Toyota Sienna with Registration no: Lagos SZ874EKY when he knocked down the two victims.

"The Police Officer and the second victim, Albert Afolayan, sustained varying degrees of injury and died while receiving treatment at the teaching hospital.

"The vehicle has been impounded and an investigation is ongoing."

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When contacted, the Chief Medical Director of Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado Ekiti, Kolawole Ogundipe, confirmed that the corpse of a police officer had been brought to the hospital.

"The corpse was brought around 10:55 am by a policeman simply identified as Abdul-Kadir. The victim was identified as Gabriel Kayode."

Ogundipe confirmed that the victim was a police officer but could not give details of his death as of the time of filing this report.