

Driver flees scene after allegedly killing Osun poly student

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A hit-and-run driver allegedly fled the scene of an accident which claimed the life of Olanrewaju Olatona, a student of Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, Osun State, late Monday.

The accident was said to have occurred when the driver who was reportedly driving against traffic, collided with the motorcycle conveying Olatona, and another passenger along the Ikirun-Osogbo road area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Wednesday from a student of the polytechnic, who was privy to the



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incident but pleaded anonymity, that the driver was driving in the wrong direction when he allegedly hit the motorcycle conveying Olatona and one other yet-to-be-identified person.

The severe impact of the collision was said to have led to the National Diploma 2 student's death.

Our correspondent further gathered that Olatona, who was the Financial Secretary of the Department of Mass Communication, was preparing for his mandatory 'one-year Industrial Training programme.

The source said, "A student of Iree was killed by a trailer driver on Monday night. The student was on a motorcycle with one other person when the driver, who was driving against traffic, collided with them.

"The student died on the spot. He was the Financial Secretary of the Department of Mass Communication and was about to go for his IT before his untimely death."

Confirming the incident to our correspondent in a telephone conversation on Wednesday, the state's Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola, disclosed that the police had launched a manhunt for the fleeing driver.

"Yes, the incident happened and we are just confirming that he is a student. When it happened, it was not reported to the police at first that the victim was a student.

"It was a case of a hit-and-run and the driver could not be apprehended immediately. Meanwhile, the police will not relax. We will arrest the driver," Opalola said.

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Metro, "My late brother argued with one of our nieces, Ginika. The argument led to a fight and out of annoyance, Ginika called Uche, who came with his brother, Agu, to the house, and after seeing Eziokwu, they left.

"Around 11 pm, Uche's brother led about six cultists to my brother's house, and when I saw them from my side of the building, I started demanding what happened, and he attacked me and broke the window of my flat.

"He came with five cultists, and they started calling Eziokwu's name. He broke the door, and when they entered, they started attacking Eziokwu until he was killed. After a short while, I saw the cultists carrying someone out of Luke's apartment."

Sunday said he traced the cultists' footprints to Agu's house, adding that he reported the case to the Chief Security Officer, Thomas Ibekwe, who led security officials to Agu's house, where they saw clothes and boots stained with blood.

He noted that Ibekwe later reported the case at the Ninth Mile Police Station for the case to be properly investigated.

Ibekwe, when contacted, declined to speak on the incident but directed our correspondent to the state police command for further details.

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