

# How I killed senior police officer at road block – Suspect

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**A** suspected serial fraudster and killer of a senior policeman, Godson Tender James, has said that he killed the police officer at a checkpoint in Ori Ohin, near Ifon, thinking the policemen were kidnappers.

Tender James who allegedly killed the police officer, Emmanuel Oyewole, said he was trying to escape kidnappers, who he heard were operating along Owo-Ifon road, which is the hotbed of violent crimes including kidnapping in Ondo State.

The State Police Command had paraded James, who allegedly defrauded a businesswoman in Akure, and in the process of escaping from the state killed an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) on duty.

Explaining the rationale for the death of Oyewole, an ASP, James said, "As I was going, I started hearing different things about a kidnapper driving a black Tundra. I stopped at a checkpoint where they asked if I was the kidnapper they were looking for and I told them I am not a kidnapper and I was left alone.

"All of a sudden, as I was going, I saw some people wearing police uniform with one of them bending over on the road. As I tried to maneuver, I heard a gunshot hit my car from the front. Believing the police cannot just shoot at me, I believed they were robbers and maneuvered to come out at another location. That was when I hit

one of them. I was trying to save my own life when I hit the person.

"When I packed, I saw that my radiator was affected by the gunshots. Trailer drivers passing by told me kidnappers were coming and I drove off. The military uniform they claimed to have seen in my car was just a seat jacket."

James said the late Oyewole, was one of those who attacked him with a gun at Ori Ohin, near Ifon, in the Ose Local Government Area of the state. In a viral video showing the corpse of the policeman, it was speculated that the officer, who was the leader of a team manning a checkpoint along the notorious Ifon-Benin road, was killed by suspected kidnappers operating in the area.

However, in a statement by the command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, about 24 hours after the video went viral, she said the officer was killed by a hit-and-run driver who was said to have been apprehended by military men at Soke, Edo State, about five minutes drive

from Ifon.

While parading the suspect at the police headquarters in the state yesterday, Odunlami-Omisanya said the suspect was fleeing from policemen along the route who have been alerted of a crime he committed earlier in Akure, the state capital, before he killed the officer.

According to the PPRO, a woman, "Oshodi Mubowale, reported at Police Scorpion office, Akure, that on July 21, 2023, unknown man, with an unregistered Ford Jeep came to her shop at No 1, Omolere Shopping Complex, Adesida Market, Akure, through one Thomas Toyin, aged 48-years and Omonigba Kehinde, aged 47-years, both traders in the same complex.

"The said man requested a cash sum of six million naira (N6,000,000.00k), but he was only able to get a cash sum of four million, four hundred thousand naira (N4,400,000.00k), from her under the pretense that he will send the money back through bank transfer, but failed to do so.

## Kwara: Fire guts pharm company, destroys property worth N87m

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ILORIN

**P**roperty worth over N87million has been destroyed in an inferno that gutted Peace Pharmaceutical Company, opposite National Hajj Commission, in Ilorin, Kwara State yesterday.

A statement by the spokesman of the state Fire Service, Hassan Adekunle, noted that the firemen were, however, able to save property worth about N1.4b, saying the inferno happened while some persons were trying to siphon ethanol from an ethanol tanker to the company's ethanol reservoir.

He said: "A spark that emitted from the pumping machine ignited

the flammable liquid, leading to the outbreak of the fire.

"This unfortunate incident resulted in substantial damage to the Peace Pharmaceutical Company. However, thanks to the swift and coordinated response of the firemen and the support of relevant authorities, which enabled the fire to be brought under control, limiting further potential damage to the facility and surrounding areas."

Meanwhile, the Director, Kwara State Fire Service, Prince Falade John Olumuyiwa, has urged the people of the state to always promptly call Fire brigade whenever there is any fire emergency in their areas, adding that this would help to save lives and property.



The suspects