

Ogun SSG auto crash: Driver arrested, charged with manslaughter

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ABEOKUTA—THE driver behind the wheels of the car in which the Secretary to the Ogun State Government, SSG Otunba Olumayowa Olukoya was killed penultimate Sunday has been arrested and charged with manslaughter.

Killed along with the SSG was his orderly, Sergeant Clement Akinola Fadairo while the driver, Taiwo Olaifa, the Commissioner for Finance, Kehinde Sogunle and the Special Assistant to the SSG narrowly escaped death.

State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Olufemi Awoyale confirmed the arrest, adding that the suspect has been charged to court for dangerous driving and manslaughter.

He said that the Magistrate has ordered his remand in prison custody.

The arrest has however generated some controversy at some quarters as the relations of the driver wondered why he should be arrested for a lone accident in which he was also involved in.

One of the relations told *Vanguard* weekend that efforts to secure the driver's bail

proved abortive.

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole over the weekend paid a condolence visit to the family of the late Secretary to Ogun State Government Alhaji Olumayowa Olukoya at his home town in Ijebu-Ife.

Mr. Dimeji Bankole led a delegation from the National Assembly comprising Senator Kola Bajomo (PDP Ogun West), Rasaq Adewusi (PDP Yewa North/Ipokia); Biodun Akinlade (PDP Yewa North/Imeko/ Afon), Segun Osibote (PDP Ijebu North/ East) and a former member of the House of Representatives Hadi Sirika.

Speaking at the country home of the late SSG Bankole consoled family members on the untimely death of the head of their family, saying that they should bear the

painful loss with the belief that it is the will of Allah.

He said the SSG not only served his state and Nigeria meritoriously but also humanity in his activities as a prominent member of the Rotary Club of Nigeria where he distinguished himself as selfless philanthropist for humanitarian causes.

Bankole recalled that he had earlier commiserated with the Governor of Ogun State Otunba Olugbenga Daniel on the loss of a faithful and hard-working father figure to all of them in PDP, adding that the vacuum created by the late SSG demise would be difficult to fill.

Earlier on, Bankole's delegation paid a courtesy call to the traditional ruler of the late SSG Oba Adesesan Folorunsho Oguntayo, the Ajaloron of Ijebu-Ife who told the Speaker that the late SSG is his cousin as his mother's maiden name is Oguntayo, praying that such a tragic loss would never occur again.

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