

# Suspect in Police cell for allegedly slapping tricycle rider to death in Ilorin

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**I**LORIN—ONE Kayode Oluwatomi has been arrested by police operatives in Kwara State for allegedly killing a tricycle rider, who hit his car in Ilorin, the state capital, Monday.

An eyewitness said the suspect, Kayode Oluwatomi, was driving a black Honda car with number plate 3X 954 AJL around the Egbejila area of Ilorin when he was reportedly hit from behind by a tricycle operator, one Kola Adeyemi.

The eyewitness added that one of the parking lights of the car was damaged, which infuriated the suspect.

"The tricycle operator, who admitted guilt, pleaded with the driver to collect N2000 for the replacement of the broken parking light valued at N2,500.

"The Honda car driver bluntly refused the offer and arguments ensued among the tricycle operator and other onlookers who intervened in the matter.

"Consequently the Honda car driver got angry and slapped the tricycle operator, who slumped immediately.

The eyewitness said the victim was taken to the nearby Garin Alimi hospital where he was confirmed dead.

Other tricycle riders promptly reported the incident at Budo Nuhu police station and the suspect, the Honda car driver, was arrested.

The Spokesman of Kwara State Police command, Kayode Okasanmi, who confirmed the incident, said, "I'm aware of the incident, the Honda car driver has been arrested and he's currently undergoing interrogation. As soon as the investigation is completed he will be charged to court."