

Truck driver held for killing pedestrian in Ikoyi



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Operatives of the **Lagos State Traffic Management Authority** (LASTMA) have apprehended the driver of a Mercedes Benz truck after a fatal accident claimed the life of a pedestrian along Osborne Road, Ikoyi, Lagos.

The incident occurred along Simpson Street, inward Ikoyi, near the Osborne Expressway Traffic Light Junction, when the truck, with registration number KRD 466 XJ, reportedly suffered a mechanical brake failure while moving at high speed.

Eyewitnesses said the driver, in a desperate bid to avoid crashing into vehicles ahead, lost control of the vehicle and veered off the road, hitting a pedestrian who was walking by the roadside. The victim died instantly.

LASTMA officials on duty at the scene were said to have moved swiftly to cordon off the area, preventing further accidents and ensuring free vehicular movement around the busy corridor.

The truck driver was immediately apprehended by LASTMA personnel and handed over to security operatives from the Dolphin Estate and Ikoyi Police Divisions for further interrogation and legal action.

Police officers later evacuated the remains of the deceased to a mortuary in Ebute Metta, pending formal identification by the family.

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Reacting to the incident, the General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olalekan Bakare-Oki, described the occurrence as “tragic and preventable,” while extending condolences to the family of the deceased.

He said the accident was another reminder of the need for proper vehicle inspection and maintenance, especially among operators of heavy-duty and articulated vehicles.

Bakare-Oki urged all motorists, particularly truck drivers and fleet operators, to carry out thorough mechanical checks before setting out, with special attention to the braking system.

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“Mechanical negligence and poor maintenance culture remain among the leading causes of avoidable fatalities on our roads,” he said.

He commended the prompt and coordinated intervention of LASTMA operatives and the police, assuring that the agency will continue to uphold safety and discipline on Lagos roads.