

Drunk driver dies in lone crash near Alaka Bridge



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A motorist lost his life late Saturday night after his vehicle somersaulted several times near the Alaka Bridge in Surulere, Lagos, in what authorities have described as a drunk-driving incident.

The tragic crash occurred around 11:45 p.m. on October 25, when the driver of a Navy Blue Toyota Camry marked EKY 311 GK reportedly lost control of the speeding vehicle while heading towards Iponri. The car veered off the road and overturned repeatedly, killing the driver instantly.

Officials of the newly inaugurated Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) 24-hour Night Operations Squad, stationed within the Surulere axis, responded swiftly to the scene. The team promptly secured and cordoned off the area to prevent secondary accidents and alerted officers from the Bode Thomas Police Division, who conducted a full investigation and documentation.





According to LASTMA's preliminary findings, eyewitness accounts and forensic evidence indicated that the deceased had been driving under the influence of alcohol, which severely impaired his judgment and reaction time.

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The police later released the body of the deceased to his wife and family members, who were contacted through his mobile phone retrieved from the wreckage.

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LASTMA General Manager Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family, describing the crash as “a tragic yet sobering reminder of the fatal consequences of intoxicated driving.”

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He urged motorists to remain vigilant and responsible, particularly during the Ember Months, a period often associated with increased vehicular movement and heightened crash risks.

Bakare-Oki emphasized that one of the key resolutions of the recently concluded ‘LASTMA Ember Months Stakeholders’ Forum’ was the intensified campaign against drunk driving — a menace he said continues to claim innocent lives across Lagos and beyond.