

Driver dies in midnight crash under Lagos bridge

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The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority and officers of the Nigeria Police Force have evacuated the remains of a motorist who died in a lone midnight accident under the Alaka Bridge in Surulere, Lagos.

PUNCH Online gathered that the crash, which occurred around 11:45 pm on Saturday, involved a navy blue Toyota Camry with registration number EKY 311 GK.

According to a statement issued on Sunday by the Director of Public Affairs and Enlightenment, Adebayo Taofiq, the deceased was reportedly driving under the influence of alcohol when he lost control of the vehicle.

“Preliminary investigations revealed that the navy blue Toyota Camry, with registration number EKY 311 GK, was travelling at an excessively high velocity inward Iponri when the driver lost control near the Alaka Under Bridge in Surulere.

“The vehicle somersaulted repeatedly, culminating in a fatal impact that claimed the driver’s life at the scene,” the statement partly read.


Taofiq added that eyewitnesses and forensic evidence gathered at the site “corroborated reports that the deceased was intoxicated, a condition that severely impaired his judgment and reaction time, leading to the catastrophic loss of control.”

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Officers of the newly inaugurated LASTMA 24-hour Night Operations Squad, covering the Surulere axis, responded promptly, cordoned off the scene to prevent further accidents, and alerted the Bode Thomas Police Division.

Taofiq said the police later documented the incident and released the remains of the deceased to his wife and family members, contacted through the mobile phone recovered from the wreckage.

LASTMA General Manager, Mr Olalekan Bakare-Oki, described the crash as a tragic yet sobering reminder of the fatal consequences of intoxicated driving.

He urged motorists to remain vigilant, responsible, and safety-conscious, especially during the Ember Months, a period historically associated with increased road accidents.

Bakare-Oki also reiterated the agency's commitment to its recently launched campaign themed "Safe Roads, Safe Lives... LASTMA Cares," which aims to reduce drunk driving and improve safety across Lagos roads through enforcement, public enlightenment, and inter-agency collaboration.