

# FRSC warns against speeding as two die in Rivers road crash

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The Federal Road Safety Corps has warned motorists against excessive speeding following a fatal road crash that claimed two lives at the Rumuola junction in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The crash, which occurred in the early hours of Monday, involved a vehicle whose occupants were reportedly returning from a nightclub. According to eyewitness accounts, the vehicle was being driven at high speed on a largely deserted road when it rammed into the intersection at the Rumuola roundabout.

A source, who requested anonymity due to the sensitivity of the incident, said the driver failed to properly negotiate the roundabout.

“They were speeding while coming back from a club. The driver could not negotiate the roundabout and the vehicle crashed. One person later died, while another was hit by an oncoming vehicle after he went back to the car to pick something,” the source said.

Confirming the incident, the Rivers State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Mr Umoh Inyang, attributed the crash to overspeeding, noting that preliminary findings showed that none of the victims died instantly from the initial impact.

“We are aware of the crash and our men responded, but before we arrived, the police had already carried out the rescue and evacuated the bodies to the mortuary. Two persons were confirmed dead,” Inyang said.

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He explained that one of the victims was knocked down by another vehicle while attempting to return to the crashed car.

“It appears one of the occupants alighted to pick an item, possibly a charger. While coming back, another vehicle hit him, which led to his death,” he added.

Inyang cautioned motorists to adjust their driving to road conditions, stressing that areas such as the Rumuola junction, with its sharp bend, require extra care.

He also warned against driving under the influence of alcohol, stressing that most road crashes are avoidable.

“There is no need for excessive speeding. If you know you have been drinking, do not drive. These lives we lose on the road are avoidable if we obey simple traffic rules,” he said.

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