

Hit-and-run Enugu driver kills PhD-holding police inspector

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A Nigerian Policeman. Photo: NPF

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The Enugu State Police Command on Tuesday confirmed the tragic death of a police inspector, Dr Ikechukwu Obodo, who was killed in a fatal hit-and-run motor-pedestrian accident within the state.

The deceased, a Doctor of Philosophy holder from the Nkpologu community in Enugu State, was attached to the Operations Department at the State Police Command Headquarters at the time of the incident.

The command's Police Public Relations Officer, SP Daniel Ndukwe, confirmed the development in an official statement issued in Enugu.

Ndukwe noted that the clarification became crucial following what he described as misleading social media reports alleging that the high-ranking officer was crushed by a police convoy.

While the command spokesman did not disclose the exact time and specific location where the fatal accident occurred, he assured the public that the incident was being actively investigated.

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He stated that the police would communicate further details to the public as the investigation progressed.

Mourning the late officer, Ndukwe described the incident as tragic and pledged a meticulous inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death.

He said, “Losing a police officer or any other person in such circumstances is deeply disheartening and must be thoroughly investigated. However, there is no evidence establishing that a police convoy was involved in the fatal hit-and-run motor-pedestrian accident at this time.”

Our correspondent reports that the police have launched a manhunt for the fleeing driver, while the remains of the deceased officer have been deposited in a mortuary.