

pedestrian at Area 3

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Tragedy struck Saturday morning at Area 3 junction when a car conveying a bride to church killed a pedestrian that tried to cross the Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway in Abuja.

An eyewitness, Clement said that the accident occurred when the man crossed the 10-lane expressway half-way and was hit by a 206 Peugeot car that was taking a bride to the Living Faith Church at Durumi.

"I was driving in the opposite direction when I saw the car hit the man and the driver did not stop," he said.

The witness said that the driver was pursued by other drivers who caught-up with him at Area 1 junction and he was taken back to the scene of the accident.

"Before he turned back, he got another vehicle to convey the bride to church," Clement stated.

He said when the driver got to the accident scene, he was almost mobbed but for the intervention of other worshippers from Living Faith Church, who whisked the car and driver to safety while the police later came to remove the corpse.

Our reporter learnt that the

accident victim came from Makurdi in Benue State to attend another wedding in the same church that the bride was to wed.

At the Living Faith Church Saturday, officials were engaged in wedding programmes and could not speak on the issue while the security men at the gate referred the reporter to the Garki Police Station where they said the case has been reported.

A police officer at Garki Police Station confirmed the death and directed the reporter to the FCT police command for details.

When contacted on phone, the FCT Command's spokesperson, Superintendent Ahmed Musa said he had not been briefed about the incident.

He asked for time to contact the Garki Police Division in order to get facts and report back to reporter.

It would be recalled that people residing at Durumi have asked for a pedestrian bridge because of the numerous cases of pedestrians been knocked down along the express way.