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Two die in Gwagwalada auto crash

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TWO persons lost their lives, while eight others sustained serious injuries on Sunday afternoon in a fatal motor accident that occurred at Sheda village, along Gwagwalada-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened when an 18-seater commercial bus with registration number XU 551DGE overtook another vehicle while on top speed and collided with a Peugeot (406) car with registration number CR 339 KJA, killing two persons on the spot.

"Eight injured persons, including three females, were evacuated to the hospital by a Federal Road

Safety Commission (FRSC) rescue team," the witness said.

Reacting, FRSC Operational Head of Gwagwalada unit command, Mr. J.G Samgbaza, attributed the accident to wrongful overtaking on the side of the bus driver, whom he said sped from Lokoja.

He said the corpses were deposited at University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue at Gwagwalada, while the injured victims are also on admission in the same hospital.

In a related development, an unidentified Fulani man was seriously injured on Sunday morning when a hit and run driver knocked him down at

Gumbo-junction along the same road.

A witness said that the Fulani man was trying to negotiate a bend on his motorcycle, when the vehicle knocked him down and drove off.

"The Fulani man, who was found lying inside a bush by the roadside, sustained fractures on his legs and was rushed to the hospital by FRSC officials.

Commenting on the incident, FRSC Yangoji unit Commander, Abdullahi Umar, attributed the accident to a hit and run driver, saying that the injured victim was taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital at Gwagwalada.

House girl accused of stealing N52m materials

By Hussein Yahaya & Roseline Ogunsipe

THE police in Abuja yesterday arraigned a middle-aged house girl before an Abuja Magistrate's Court for allegedly stealing cloths, computer accessories and jewellery worth N52 million from her madam, Hajiya Aisha Abdulrahman.

Tobi Bundjienou was arraigned for joint act, stealing her employer's money and attempting to commit an offence, offences punishable under Sections 97, 289 and 95 of the Penal Code.

Police prosecutor, Hossemi Emmanuel, informed the court that on January 26, one Hajiya Aisha Abdulrahman petitioned the police area commander at Metro, Maitama that the accused and one Bukky now at large were brought to her from Lagos as house girls.

He said last month, the complainant left the accused and Bukky in her house and travelled to Lagos, adding that while she was in Lagos, the accused and

Bukky, who is now at large jointly stole materials valued at N52 million and absconded to unknown destinations.

"After much efforts, the complainant was able to locate one of the accused persons and before she handed her over to the police, she confessed that there was a time Bukky attempted to poison the complainant through tea," the prosecutor said.

The prosecutor said further that during police investigation, the accused confessed that sometime last month, Bukky and one Gloria both at large stole the complainant's dollars and that after changing it to naira, she was given N40,000.

When the charges were read to the accused, she denied them and sought for bail, while the prosecutor asked for a hearing date.

Magistrate Emmanuel Iyana granted the accused bail in the sum of N200,000 with one reliable surety in like sum, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned till March 14 for hearing.