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Hit-and-run driver kills pedestrian at Dei-dei

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A pedestrian was crushed by a hit-and-run driver near the Police Mobile Force barracks, at Dei-Dei on the Abuja-Zuba expressway at the weekend.

Witnesses said the pedestrian was crossing the ever-busy expressway in the early hours of the day when he was knocked down by the driver.

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They said the man died on the spot, while the driver sped off without stopping.

City News learnt that the corpse of the man was later removed from the road and taken to the Kubwa General Hospital by the police who arrived the scene following a distress call.

The Gwagwa DPO, Raphael Elechi, confirmed the incident, saying the body of the deceased, who was yet to be identified, had been deposited at the hospital morgue after being certified dead by a doctor.

In another case, a motorist has survived a crash on the same road.

The motorist, who was driving a red-coloured Toyota Corolla car, was said to have crashed around 2:30am at the Kagini junction just before the fly-over bridge.

A witness said the victim was on speed when the driver of a car in front of him suddenly applied brakes on sighting the diversion in front of him.

"In an effort not to hit the vehicle in front, the man also applied his car brakes and lost control of the vehicle," he added.

He said the car suddenly off the road and somersaulted three times, ending up badly damaged.

The witness said the driver was rescued by officials of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) who arrived the scene of the accident almost immediately.

The Kubwa Unit Commander of the FRSC, Okonkwo Chima, who confirmed the accident, attributed it to over-speeding. He said the driver was rescued unhurt while the vehicle was towed off the road.



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