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2 killed in police, driver fracas in Onitsha

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Two persons were reported dead at the weekend following a clash between the police and a vehicle driver at Tarzan junction, Nkpor,

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Daily trust gathered from police source that the police patrol team on stop-and-search duties at the Dennis Memorial Grammar School (DMGS) roundabout, had at about 6pm, flagged down the deceased with a Camry car for routine check.

The source said the deceased refusal to stop as directed, led to his being pursued by the police team and was later accosted at Tarzan Junction, Nkpor amidst traffic build-up.

"In a bid to search the vehicle properly, a melee ensued and the driver was shot by police, who unfortunately died on the spot," the source said.

According to the source, fifteen bags of weeds suspected to be Indian hemp were recovered from the vehicle after a thorough search.

The source further added that the death of the driver attracted a group of angry youths who quickly mobilized and set ablaze a security pick-up van approaching the junction, while the driver of the vehicle escaped unhurt.

Daily trust however gathered that a conductor on an articulated trailer which was approaching the scene of the incident, suddenly jumped down from the truck, on sighting the angry mob and was crushed to death by a hit-and-run driver of an on-coming vehicle.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Anambra State police Command, Nkeiru Nwode, said some miscreants, ignorant of the true facts behind the incident, took advantage of the situation for a mob action.

She said all the police officers involved in the unfortunate incident are currently in custody where they are undergoing interrogation.

"The Command wishes to use this medium to warn against spreading false rumors targeted at heating up the polity as the incident has no connection with any political party or its activities.



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"We wish to also appeal to members of the public especially those who witnessed the incident to feel free to provide useful information to the police in arresting the fleeing hit-and-run driver," she said.

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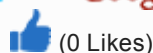
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