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5 killed, 6 injured in Anambra auto crash

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Five people were confirmed killed and six others injured at about 9am on Tuesday after a trailer crashed into the Eke Awgbu Market in Orumba North LGA of Anambra State.

Margret B. Onagbe, spokeswoman of the Anambra State Command of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), who confirmed the accident, attributing it to brake failure.

She said the trailer veered off the road into the market, causing the fatalities and injuries.

She dismissed speculations that the Anambra Road Traffic Management Agency (ARTMA) was responsible for the accident.

She said, "A fatal road traffic crash was recorded today, July 9, 2024, at Green Energy Oil and Gas by Eke Awgbu along Agulu-Agwubu road. It was a multiple-vehicle collision."

She quoted a witness as saying that the truck driver lost control due to brake failure while speeding, colliding with other vehicles at a checkpoint before crashing.

She further said, "Eleven people were involved in the crash, including nine male and two female adults. Five male adults and one female adult sustained injuries, while four male adults and one female adult were killed." N to

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