

## Reckless driver kills pedestrian in Lagos

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A female pedestrian was killed on Sunday morning in a lone accident involving a black Toyota Tundra at Mosalasi Roundabout, New Ipaja Road, Lagos, after the driver reportedly lost control and veered off the road.

The car, registered FST 222 HV, was travelling at a high speed when it struck the pedestrian walkway and killed the woman, who died instantly from the impact, according to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA).

LASTMA added that the impact also caused the vehicle to crash into a nearby private premises known to be engaged in the sale of livestock, where it inflicted significant structural damage to the perimeter fence and an adjoining advertising billboard.

Eyewitnesses at the scene report that the driver, upon realising the gravity of the calamity he had caused, made a frantic attempt to flee the scene but was quickly apprehended by LASTMA officials.

He was later handed over to officers from the Gowon Estate Police Division, who were on ground at the time of the incident.

LASTMA also confirmed that the remains of the deceased woman were relinquished to officers of the Nigeria Police Force for requisite procedures.

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LASTMA said the suspect is now in police custody and is currently undergoing rigorous interrogation by police authorities as part of an ongoing and thorough investigation into the incident.

LASTMA's General Manager, Olalekan Bakare-Oki, expressed his profound sorrow over the tragic loss of life and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

In his words: "This is a deeply sorrowful occurrence that underscores the grave consequences of reckless driving. We mourn with the family of the deceased and pray earnestly that the Almighty grants them the strength and fortitude to bear this irreparable loss."

Bakare-Oki further issued a clarion call to all motorists—private and commercial alike—urging them to subject their vehicles to routine safety checks, with particular emphasis on the integrity of braking systems.

He reiterated that adherence to traffic regulations is not merely a legal obligation but a moral imperative to safeguard lives and property on Lagos roads.