

Driver Kills Eight, Wounds 10

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Eight persons were crushed to death and ten others seriously wounded when a Man-Diesel Tipper rammed into a commercial bus, which was picking passengers at the Oko-Ado bus stop, Lagos-Epe Expressway in Eti-Osa Local Government Area of Lagos.

The driver of the Tipper, Sanni Daudu, was apprehended and detained by the police, who conducted a detailed investigation on the accident.

The police subsequently filed a four-count criminal charge at an Igboosere Magistrate's Court of reckless and dangerous driving, manslaughter and damaging the commercial bus beyond repairs against the accused person.

The police alleged in charged No. C/43/2006 that on November 14, 2006 about 10.40 p.m. at Oko-Ado bus stop, Lagos-Epe Expressway, Sanni Dauda, being the driver in charge of Man-Diesel Tipper with registration No. XJ 146 drove same in a reckless and dangerous manner and caused

the death of the following people: Azeez Rasaki, Kolawole Balogun, Jelili Olawunmi, Tunde Bakare, Effiong Ibaha, Rukayat Jimoh (four years) and two others yet to be identified.

The prosecution further alleged that Dauda caused severe injury to the father of the late Rukayat, Jimoh Ojo, and nine others who are currently on danger list at the General Hospital, Lagos.

The police also alleged that Dauda destroyed a Mazda bus with registration No. XJ 86C AAA beyond repairs.

A sober Dauda pleaded not guilty and was granted bail while the case was adjourned

Recovered Vehicles

The Lagos State Police Command recovered eight vehicles between October 16 and 19, 2006 suspected stolen from different locations in the state. The vehicles can be located at the station mentioned against each of them as follows:

S/NO.	NAMES OF VEHICLE	REG. NO.	COLOUR	LOCATION
1.	Mercedes Benz 230 'E' S/C	CX 483 ABJ	M/Grey	Festac Div.
2.	Mercedes Benz 300 S/C	BU 175 KRD	Grey	Ketu Div.
3.	Hyundai Bus	EC 600 LAD	White	Festac Div.
4.	Nissan Urvan Bus	AA 509 BMY	LSCC	Ijanikin Div.
5.	Peugeot 504 S/C	XA 162 LND	Ash	Denton Div.
6.	Canter Truck	XM 888 SMK	White	Denton Div.
7.	Mercedes Benz S/C	LK 542 KJA	Red	Ikoyi Div.
8.	Nissan Quest	LM 248 KJA	Golden	Shomolu Div.

As usual, members of the public who have claims to the recovered vehicles should check at the police station mentioned against each of the recovered vehicles with original documents.

Claimants should endeavour to check the engine numbers as the original registration numbers may have been tampered with.

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