

One dies, others injured in Port Harcourt accident

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ALLEGED extortion by the Police in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital, has led to a ghastly motor accident on Wednesday in which one person died on the spot and others were severely wounded.

Witnesses at the scene of

the accident, which occurred at the busy Mile 3 area of Port Harcourt, said a commercial bus driver lost control as he struggled with a policeman and ran into some pedestrians, killing a lady on the spot.

A police officer, who pleaded anonymity, said a policeman also sustained severe injury and was rushed to a

nearby health centre.

Witnesses blamed police men on traffic duty in the area for the incident. They said that the policeman, who was rushed to the hospital was struggling to arrest the commercial bus driver over traffic offence when the incident occurred.

They alleged that the po-

liceman allegedly held the steering of the vehicle while it was in motion and in the process the driver lost control and rammed into pedestrians.

Effort to secure comment from the Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ben Uguegbulam, was futile as his line was switched off.