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# Water truck crushes two to death in Edo

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TWO persons have been crushed to death by a water truck in Ekpoma town, Esan West Local Government Area of Edo State.

They were crushed at the popular Ukhun Junction, when the driver of the truck lost control, causing the truck to veer off the road and running over a motorcycle, before crashing into a fruit caravan by the road side.

Those who died included a customer of the fruit vendor and the motorcycle passenger, who was waiting for his balance from the commercial motorcyclist.

Daily Independent gathered from eyewitness that the water truck which was coming from Eguare axis of the town, suddenly developed brake failure while navigating into Ukhun Road.

Speaking with newsmen, the fruit vendor,

Mrs. Ruth Omoike who had a close shave with death attributed her survival to God's grace.

"I left my wares to go and do some work in the house. But while I was at it, somebody called to say I had a customer waiting to buy fruit, so I rushed down.

"As I was negotiating with the customer, who wanted to buy pineapple, I suddenly heard a loud sound, and found myself under a water truck. God

save me", she narrated.

Another survivor, Mr. Odion Akhator, expressed gratitude to God for what he described as a miraculous escape, adding that he was hit by the truck along with his brother.

The survivors, including the motorcyclist, are currently receiving treatment at the hospital, while the truck driver is being detained at the police divisional headquarters, Ekpoma, where he ran for protection.