Motorist Kills Sachet Water Vendor

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A sachet water vendor said to be in his early twenties, identified as Ibrahim, an indigene of Katsina State was yesterday knocked down by a motorist while attempting to cross the Umaru Musa Yar'Adua Way (Airport Road), Abuja, to the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Estate, Lugbe.

A witness who failed to mention his name said the incident occurred at about.

12:35pm.

According to the witness, he stood beside the sachet water vendor while waiting for vehicles to clear from the road but the victim immediately dashed to the road and was instantly knocked down by the motorist, who was driving a Honda car popularly called 'Final Analysis', with registration number, BG 455 GWA.

The motorist was said to have made frantic efforts to avert the accident but was unsuccessful as he hit the late Ibrahim and sent him flying several feet above the ground before landing with a heavy thud on the car's windscreen.

The late Ibrahim was said to have bled profusely as he sustained deep cuts on the head and died shortly after, before officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), the police and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) came to the scene 10 minutes later.

A mild drama ensued when the NEMA officials attempted to take away the corpse of the late Ibrahim, as they were resisted by commercial motorcyclists in the area who berated them for coming to the scene late even though the NEMA rescue team emergency unit is a stone throw to the FHA junction.