

She said the suspect who claimed to be a farmer and doubles as a commercial motorcyclist, told the police that he was promised a reward of N5,000 for the job and that the other gang members had told him that the baby would be taken to Agbaro town.

## **ACCIDENT:** 1 Die As Truck Plunges Into Ovia River

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The Benin Zone RS5 of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) on Monday confirmed the death of a truck driver at the Ovia River, near Benin in Edo State, when the truck he was driving lost control and plunged into the river.

The FRSC Zonal Commanding Officer (ZCO), Mr Charles Akpabio, made the confirmation while speaking with Journalists in Benin.

He said the driver, whose name could not be ascertained, was the only one who died in the lone accident involving a truck with Yobe registration number YKS 137 XA.

He said the accident occurred on Sunday afternoon when the driver, in the company of two male passengers, lost control and crashed into the river, adding that FRSC officials on patrol evacuated "the driver's dead body trapped under the trailer while the two sustained minor injuries."

Akpabio further stated that the AUMAN marked truck, loaded with cement, was coming from Lagos State and heading towards Benin, when the accident occurred at the Ovia River slope.

"The corps has repeatedly urged transport companies to ensure that their vehicles are in perfect working condition. We also on daily basis advise drivers to rest when they become fatigued and also avoid intoxicants while on the wheel," he stated.