

Mother, daughter crushed to death in Delta

A MOTHER and her teenage daughter were feared dead on Monday at Okwuabude Community, in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State, after they were crushed by a hit-and-run driver.

Eyewitnesses said the family was returning home from the farm when the accident occurred about mid-day.

It was gathered that they carried bunches of firewood for cooking and were resting under a shade on the roadside when they were overran by the vehicle. The driver was said to have lost control.

There were conflicting reports on the fate of the driver of the vehicle, an account indicated that the vehicle caught fire a split second after it rammed into the mother and child.

Our correspondent, who visited the scene of the accident on Tuesday, saw the

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carcass of a burnt vehicle at the scene where the accident reportedly occurred, but it could not be ascertained if it was indeed the remains of the vehicle that crushed the mother and daughter.

However, another account indicated that the hit-and-run driver sped away shortly after the accident, leaving the dead mother and her child; who eyewitnesses said did not die on the spot.

A nurse, identified as Ochuko Udumebaye, told newsmen she got to the scene a few minutes after the accident, describing it as unfortunate.

Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, Mr. Hezekiah Dimka, could not be reached for comment; his phone rang severally when our correspondent called.