Hit-and-run bus driver kills LASTMA official

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A traffic officer with the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mustapha Najeem Adeleke, was allegedly killed on Tuesday by the driver of a blue Volkswagen LT Bus with registration number LSR 942XC.

The incident happened while the deceased was at his duty post at Oke-Afa, Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), alongside other colleagues.

A LASTMA official, who witnessed the incident, explained that the deceased was on the road controlling traffic when the bus driver, Mr. Haruna Nuru, drove against traffic from Isolo end of the road and hit the officer from behind.

He said the deceased was among the team drafted to the area to enforce driving against traffic from Mile 2 area.

The driver having noticed that he had hit a LASTMA official ran away with the vehicle and but was apprehended at Abimbola road, Limca area by Aye Bus Stop, after Isolo Bus Stop and handed over to the police.

Mustapha was rushed to the Isolo General Hospital where he was confirmed dead. The remains has been deposited at the hospital's

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LASTMA General Manager, Mr. Babatunde Edu, who confirmed the incident described it as unfortunate, adding that the suspect had been handed over to the Police at Okota Police Station. He commiserated with Adeleke's family and prayed that God will grant them the fortitude to bear the loss.

Edu, who flayed the way residents flout traffic laws, said the government will not relent in enforcing the law.

He advised motorists to obey the law and desist from the act of attacking, maining or assaulting traffic officers who are working hard to ensure that traffic moves seamlessly.

The late Mr Adeleke joined the Lagos State Civil Service in 2002 as a Traffic Assistant. He was aged 34 years and married with children.

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