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It was a horrible sight yesterday in Owerri, the Imo State capital when a heavy-duty truck crushed a middle-aged man to death.

The unfortunate incident which occurred at the Imo State University junction along the Okigwe road, when the driver of the Mack truck with registration number GDD 751 KA, lost control of the vehicle apparently as a result of brake failure, skidded off the road and rammed into a shopping mall, killing a man simply identified as Ikechukwu.

According to eyewitnesses, the driver of the truck was coming from the Orji end of the Okigwe road, when his truck lost control and headed towards the crowded shopping mall, where it knocked down an electric pole before hitting the victim who was also trying to run away.

Miss chidimma, one of the shop attendants, who witnessed the incident, narrated that the victim who supplied poultry products to the shopping mall had already finished for the day and was answering a call on his phone before the truck hit him from behind.

When our reporter visited the scene of the accident, sympathisers had thronged the scene to catch a glimpse as the lifeless body of the victim who was being dragged out from under the truck by officers of the Civil Defense Corps.

However, the Imo State Police Public Relations Officer, Joy Elemoko (DSP), who confirmed the incident, said the driver of the truck who escaped unhurt was promptly taken away by the police for further investigations.

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