

accused him of over-speeding.

2 Police officers, suspect feared dead in crash

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THREE police officers from the Abia State Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Zone 9, Umuahia and a suspect were feared dead at the weekend in an auto crash.

The Nation learnt that five policemen from the state CID, whose identity could not be confirmed at press time and a suspect, Mr. Sunday Iheanacho Otuazuka, from Amuzu Umunwankwogu Okpu-umuobo in Osisioma Local Government were inside a Mitsubishi L300 bus heading for Umuahia when it collided with a commercial bus coming from the opposite direction.

Two of the police officers and the suspect were said to have died on the spot. An unconfirmed report said another police officer died on his way to hospital.

A source, who claimed to have witnessed the accident, said a passenger and the driver of the commercial bus also died on the spot.

The accident, according to the source, occurred on the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway near Umuahia.

The Nation gathered that the victims' bodies have been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) mortuary in Umuahia after they were confirmed dead, while the injured are receiving treatment.

Police spokesman Geoffrey Ogbonna could not be reached for comments, as he did not pick his calls.

However, a source at the state CID confirmed the accident, describing it as unfortunate.

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