

Truck crushes 70-year-old woman

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A SEPTUAGENARIAN was yesterday crushed to death by a refuse truck, at the Agege Railway Crossing Intersection.

According to Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) General Manager, Bashir Braimah, the accident occurred around 5.30am.

He said the truck's body detached from the vehicle on getting to the rail track and hit the woman.

She died on the spot.

"The woman was taken away by officials of the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit (SEHMU). I learnt she wasn't sane and has been at the junction for a while," he added.

Traders at the railway line said the woman was mentally unstable, but she never disturbed people.

A motorcyclist, Stephen John, said when he resumed duty around 5am, he saw the woman's body.

"The accident happened in the midnight because I left here 11pm yesterday (Wednesday). It's so

very unfortunate," he said.

A trader, Fatima Yahaya, who sells bean cake and pap at the rail track said whenever the woman saw her, she always asked for bean cake.

She said: "When I came this morning, I didn't see her umbrella; I thought she went somewhere until a customer told me she had died. That woman never disturbs anyone. She was always at the junction looking. She doesn't talk. She has been there for a while. I don't know if she was abandoned or she lost her way. It is sad. I feel so sad because I regret not giving her bean cake few times. Now, she is gone."

Another trader, Darlington, said he was going to a newspaper stand after the railway line when he saw a crowd, adding that an ambulance to the body away.

A resident, Titlope, said she had been seeing the woman for the past three months, noting that as at yesterday (Wednesday) when she passed the rail track, the woman was sleeping.



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