

Driver kills fruit hawker

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AN unidentified man suspected to be drunk on the eve of Democracy Day knocked down and killed a girl hawking fruits on the road side on Dada Estate road in Osogbo, the Osun State capital.

The man reported to be driving a black sports utility vehicle (SUV) with his wife and two kids was driving out of the Osun Capital Hotel, Osogbo.

He allegedly ran over a road divider to the opposite lane before hitting the girl on the spot.

A Hausa man, Mallam Nasiru, also selling fruits and vegetable very close to scene of the incident, said he was going to purchase a recharge card when he suddenly saw the approaching vehicle facing him and the deceased.

He said he was able to jump away from the SUV's path, but "the deceased was not so lucky to escape the crash".

Nasiru added: "I am very sure he was drunk yesterday. After the girl was crushed, the man came out inquiring if he had killed someone. There was a woman in his car and two children, but nothing happened to them."

It was gathered that a police patrol team that came to the scene prevented mob from attacking the man and his family.

The suspect was whisked away to police station.

But the state police command could not be reached to confirm the incident.