

# Motor Boy dies in road crash in Ogun

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AN auto crash which occurred on J4 Bridge at Ogbera, Ogun State axis of Benin-Ore highway has claimed the life of one person on Tuesday, while three others sustained injuries.

The incident occurred at about 8:35a.m.

The accident involved a Scannia truck with registration number BEN 539 XB, a Mack tanker with registration number MUS 480 XM, and a Mercedes Benz truck with registration number FKJ 954 XU.

According to the Public Relations Officer of Traffic Compliance Enforcement Corps (TRACE), Mr Babatunde Ogunbiyi, the accident was caused by wrongful overtaking by the tanker driver which led to a head-on collision, resulting in the death of the tanker's **Motor Boy**.

Ogunbiyi said that TRACE officials as well as the Federal Road Safety Corps and the police officers got to the scene to put things in order, while the corpse of the victim and the injured ones were taken to Ijebu Ode

General Hospital.

Saying that the tanker driver who caused the accident was among the in-

jured, the TRACE spokesman stated that he was taken to a private hospital for treatment.

## Boss turns in driver who knocked LASTMA official Suspect charged to court, remanded

GENERAL Manager of a transportation company in Lagos State, Johnson Ogbonaya, has voluntarily handed over to law-enforcement officers a driver of the company, Abuchi Okpara, who absconded to Ghana after knocking down an official of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA).

Okpara had allegedly knocked down the LASTMA official, Ogunmeru Obafemi, on August 7, 2017 at Igando area while attempting to evade arrest after violating the state traffic law.

LASTMA said this in a statement issued on Tuesday by its Public Affairs Officer, , disclosing that the culprit was driving a Ghana-bound commercial vehicle with registration number KJA 633 XT where he dropped passengers at an undesignated spot at Igando.

The action of drivers around the axis, according to traffic

officials, usually resulted in traffic obstruction and gridlock on the busy Igando-Ikotun Road, a development which made LASTMA officials to step up enforcement to ensure free flow of traffic in the area.

Okpara's action was said to be in violation of the relevant sections of the Lagos State Traffic Laws, and effort of the traffic official to make him move the vehicle to the nearest layby proved abortive.

The driver's failure to obey Obafemi's directive and desperate maneuvering to evade arrest led to Okpara running his Toyota Sienna vehicle over the traffic official, and not even the quick intervention of nearby policemen could prevent the culprit from driving ferociously in a bid to escape from the scene of the incident, after which he fled to Ghana.

The victim was rushed to Igando General Hospital for