

Hit-and-run driver kills four-year-old girl

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MEN of the Lagos State Police Command are now on the trail of a driver who allegedly killed a four-year-old girl in the state on Wednesday.

Our correspondent learnt that the unidentified suspect, who was driving a Mazda bus at the time of the accident, lost control and ran into a compound where the victim resides at Kiokio Village on Lagos-Ikorodu Expressway.

According to a report made at Owode police station, the girl identified as Elizabeth Alaka, was knocked down inside the compound.

She died on the spot as a result of the impact.

About the same time, an unidentified driver of an unknown vehicle also ran over a pedestrian at the Chinese Village, Ojota.

The victim, Edet Ekpenyem, died on the spot while the driver escaped with the vehicle.

Good Samaritans reported the case at Ogudu police station before his corpse was retrieved from the scene.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the accidents to our correspondent on the telephone on Sunday.

Ojajuni said traffic policemen from the stations where

the cases were documented had visited the scenes and retrieved the corpses, which had been deposited at mortuaries.

The police spokesman warned motorists to be more careful and obey all traffic rules while behind the wheels as the command would not fold its arms while pedestrians were being killed on the roads daily.

He also called on pedestrians to always use the pedestrian bridges while crossing highways and ensure that they take necessary precautions while crossing highways in areas where such bridges are not available.