

Bus driver crushes policeman

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A man driving a commercial Mercedes Benz 911 bus popularly called *molue*, on Wednesday, crushed a man suspected to be a policeman to death in Lagos.

The incident happened at about 5pm at a spot between Airport bus stop and the Sam Ethnam Air Force Base on Agege Motor Road.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the incident occurred while the deceased was disembarking from the moving bus.

The source said, "The man, while disembarking from the moving bus, landed in front of a motorcycle. The cycle hit him and was dragged under the bus. The bus crushed him and he died immediately."

He said sympathisers, who moved the corpse from the highway to the roadside, later recovered a police identity card from the deceased's pocket.

He could not confirm the man's name and service number to our correspondent.

The incident caused traffic jam, which stretched from the scene towards National bus stop on the same road.

Efforts to confirm the victim's identity from the Po-

lice Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, on the phone was unsuccessful as one of his aides told our correspondent that he was meeting with the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Emmanuel Adebayo.

Meanwhile, some unidentified armed men operating on motorcycles reportedly opened fire on a Volkswagen commercial mini bus marked XK 621 ABC on Sunday at Apakun Lane, Oshodi.

According to a report

made at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba, the driver, Thompson Otuwe and two passengers, Timothy Ezenlum and Kinsley Egbe sustained gunshot wounds.

While others are responding to treatment, Ezenlum reportedly died later.

The police spokesman confirmed the incident in a statement on Tuesday.

He said the case was under investigation.

Man arraigned for stealing magistrate's car

Tunde Odesola, Osogbo

A N armed robbery suspect, Mr. Kayode Babatunde, was arraigned before an Osogbo magistrate's court, on Wednesday, for allegedly stealing a car belonging to a chief magistrate.

According to the two-count charge, the suspect and his colleagues, now at large, conspired and snatched, at gunpoint, the Mazda car of the magistrate, Mr. Obayemi Fasami, on March 11 in Osogbo.

The value of the vehicle, whose registration and engine numbers were given as AL

884 GNN and PE 620207707 respectively, was put at N420, 000.

Police Prosecutor, Mr. Wislon Mereti, argued that the accused should not be given bail as the case was criminal, adding that the police have not concluded investigations on the matter.

Defence counsel, Mr. Niyi Akinsola, who claimed that Babatunde's health was failing, pleaded with the court not to remand the accused in police custody.

The presiding magistrate, Mr. S. O. Falola, adjourned the case till October 29 and remanded the accused in police custody.