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Tractor driver kills scavenger

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Policemen in Lagos State are still trying to identify a tractor driver, who ran over and killed a suspected scavenger in the state on Saturday.

Although it has been discovered that the yet-to-be-identified driver is an employee of the Lagos State Waste Management Authority, his identity is still in issue.

It was learnt that some scavengers were rummaging through heaps of waste dumped at the Olusosun, Ojota waste dump at about 6.10am on the day of the incident.

The tractor, it was gathered, emerged from the road and veered into the dumpsite and before the unidentified scavenger could jump out of danger, the tractor had crushed him.

Immediately the incident happened, the driver was said to have reversed the tractor and sped off from the scene.

However, a few persons, who were close to the scene, observed that the tractor belonged to LAWMA.

The incident was later reported at the Alausa Police Station and some policemen were sent to the scene.

The corpse was removed from the dumpsite and deposited at the Lagos Island General Hospital mortuary.

Our correspondent learnt that the police had contacted the appropriate authorities in order to get the identity of the driver.

Spokesman for the police in the state, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday.

Ojajuni said the fact that the incident involved a scavenger would not stop the police from investigating it and bringing the culprit to book.

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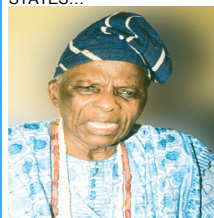
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