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## Widow loses six-year-old son after husband's death

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A widow, Mrs. Christianah Effiom, on Thursday lost her six-year-old son in a motorcycle accident in Ojota, Lagos.

The six-year old boy, Caleb, was killed by a hit-and-run motorcyclist while returning from Akwa Ibom State where he, in company with his mother and other family members, had gone to perform the burial rites of his father.

The 35-year-old widow was said to have arrived at Ojota motor park, on the popular Ikorodu Road, from the trip at about midnight and was crossing the highway with her late son when the accident occurred.

They were on their way to their 5, Church Street, Ikosi, Ketu, residence before the boy was knocked down.

The motorcyclist reportedly escaped from the scene immediately he realised the seriousness of the accident.

An eyewitness told our correspondent, "The woman was holding the boy. Suddenly, the boy broke loose from the mother and attempted to cross the highway unaided. That was when the motorcyclist hit him. He died on the spot."

The case was reported at Ogudu Police Station from where traffic policemen were drafted to the scene.

The corpse was then removed from the scene and deposited at the mortuary of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

The Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the accident to our correspondent.

Mba, a superintendent of police, said that the command would intensify its efforts to ensure that the motorcyclist was apprehended.

He expressed the belief that the close circuit television provided by the state government would assist in unraveling the identity of the culprits in such cases.

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