

Truck crushes two undergraduates to death

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There was confusion in Ado Ekiti on Thursday evening as two undergraduates riding a motorcycle were crushed to death by a truck in front of Okesa Police Station.

The victims were identified as Ebenezer Ayoadé, a final year student in the Marketing Department of The Polytechnic, Ado Ekiti and Kayode Ajayi, a 200 level Psychology student at the Ekiti State University.

Both were said to be indigenes of Emure Ekiti in Emure Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the motorcycle was bought two days before the accident.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Wale, told our correspondent at the scene of the accident that the students' motorcycle collided with another motorcycle and both fell on the road.

He explained that while the other motorcyclist immediately rose and sped

away, Ayoadé and Ajayi were unlucky as they fell onto the path of a truck loaded with sand and it crushed them to death.

One of the two students was said to have been rushed to a hospital but he

died before getting there.

Efforts by sympathisers to save the life of the other student, who was still on the ground, proved abortive.

A medical doctor, who got stuck in traffic following the accident, was reported

to have rushed to the scene, tested and confirmed that the student was dead.

The driver, who claimed not to have seen the victims, was said to have been arrested and locked up at the Okesa Police Station.

But efforts by our correspondent to confirm this from the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Victor Babayemi, proved futile as calls put across to his phone were not answered.



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