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The scene of the incident

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The police in Lagos have arrested a motorist, Adewole Awosanya, for allegedly crushing a man to death with his vehicle on Tuesday morning.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the victim, 64-year-old Ojo Eweola, died at the scene of the accident, which occurred at about 5am near Onigbongbo bus stop in the Maryland area of Lagos.

According to eyewitnesses, Awosanya, who drove a Toyota Corolla, was suspected to be drunk and returning from a night party when he swerved off the road at the junction and killed Eweola.

One of them, Mr. Ishola Lanre, said the police from the Ikeja Police Division later arrived to take the corpse away, and also towed the damaged vehicles.

He said, "The victim is also a taxi driver. He parked his vehicle in front of a private hospital by the roadside and slept on the boot. The man was obviously drunk in the way he drove off the road and hit Eweola's cab, killing him almost instantly.

"About three vehicles were also damaged and the police have taken them away. The police have also arrested the drunken motorist."

Our correspondent learnt that Eweola initially writhed in pains on the ground before giving up minutes later. The incident was also said to have caused some traffic snarl on the road as pedestrians and motorists gathered at the scene of the accident.

It was learnt that the police had detained Awosanya, whose vehicle was marked, LND142AH, and Eweola's body had also been deposited at a morgue.

When our correspondent got to the police division, some of Eweola's fellow cab drivers were observed discussing the incident.

However, none of them wanted to speak to *PUNCH Metro* on the matter.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Kenneth Nwosu, confirmed the incident.

He added that Awosanya had been arrested, while investigations would continue on the matter.

He said, "The victim was living at Ifelodun Street in the Gbagada area of Lagos. He had a Volkswagen Jetta with registration number, XJ125FST.

"The suspect has been arrested by the police, while investigations continue on the matter."



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