

Hoodlum killed while extorting money from driver

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A 25-year-old man, identified simply as Idowu, has been killed by a truck driver, Fatai Olawunmi, on the Apogbon Road, Lagos Island.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Idowu was among a group of hoodlums who besieged the truck with number plate, KZR 117 ZT, demanding money from the driver.

The deceased was said to have climbed the back of the trailer without the knowledge of the driver, who in a bid to escape the harassment, jumped into the vehicle and sped off.

Idowu reportedly fell onto the road and was rushed to a general hospital, where he was confirmed dead.

A source said the incident happened around 5pm on Sunday.

He said, "The truck was laden with bags of cement and the driver stopped to cover the cement with a tarpaulin on the Apongbon Bridge.

"Some hoodlums immediately surrounded him and demanded money. Idowu was among the boys; he climbed the back of the truck. The driver suddenly jumped into the vehicle and zoomed off.

"Idowu fell off and he was rushed to the Lagos Island General Hospital where he died."

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Dolapo Badmos, said the suspect was in police custody. She added that investigations were ongoing.

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