

LAWMA driver, motor boy die in Lagos crash

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The truck

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A driver with the Lagos State Waste Management Authority, Godya Lekya, and his *motor boy*, Tanko Thomas, have lost their lives in a crash at the Anthony end of Ikorodu Road, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the accident involved a LAWMA truck driven by Lekya and a BRT bus.

Our correspondent gathered that the truck driver was speeding and had tried to evade the BRT bus when it crashed into the median, in front of the Conoil Filling Station.

The truck was said to have somersaulted several times before it landed on the driver and *motor boy*.

The duo reportedly died on the spot.

Policemen from the Anthony division, joined by some officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, were said to have removed the dismembered bodies from the road.

A source said the incident happened around 10pm on Wednesday.

She said, “The accident involved a LAWMA truck, with the number plate, SMK 387 XR, and a BRT bus. The accident was caused by the truck driver, who was speeding. Some LASEMA officials came to remove the two vehicles from the road.”

When our correspondent visited the scene of the incident on Thursday, he observed that the truck had been towed to Idi-Iroko bus stop.

At Anthony, where the accident occurred, some of the personal effects of the victims could be seen on the road.

A witness, who did not want to be identified, said the truck tyre burst.

She said, “The tyre on the driver’s side burst while the man was speeding. As he tried to control it, the truck veered off the road. His *motor boy* was on top of the truck. As the driver tried to jump out, the truck fell on him and the motor boy.”

Another witness said the Lagos Response Unit workers diverted traffic while clearing the wreckage.

“It was a gory scene. Two people died. They were crushed by the LAWMA truck,” he added.

Our correspondent gathered that both victims hailed from Delta State and lived on Adeshina Street, Ikeja.

One of the emergency workers at the scene, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity, said two other people were injured in the accident.

He said, “The dead bodies were taken away by officials of the State Environmental Health Monitoring Unit, while the two injured persons were taken to an undisclosed hospital.”

The spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command, CSP Chike Oti, confirmed the accident.

He said the family members of the deceased had identified them, adding that plans were underway to release the corpses.

He said, “The LAWMA truck driver was driving along Ikorodu Road, inward Maryland when he lost control. While trying to avoid hitting other vehicles, the truck somersaulted. Both the driver and *motor boy* died on the spot.”

The General Manager of LAWMA, Mr. Segun Adeniji, said the truck belonged to a LAWMA PSP contractor.

He said, “It belonged to a LAWMA contractor working under the PSP arrangement. I have not been informed about it, but while driving by yesterday (Wednesday), I saw it.”

The Deputy Head of Operations, Primero Transport Services, managers of BRT buses, one Leke, said he was not aware of the accident.

He added that no BRT bus was involved in an accident on the road.