

Policeman crushed to death while motorist asks for direction

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Marina road

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A police sergeant attached to the Dolphin Police Station on Lagos Island, Kaye Ternenge, has lost his life in an auto crash along Marina Road, Leventis Bus Stop, involving a Honda CRV with the number plate, ISD 543 BZ, and an Iveco truck marked, KJA 624 XK.

The driver of the sport-utility vehicle, Steven Akere, and one other occupant, were said to have sustained injuries in the crash. Ternenge was reportedly at the front passenger seat of the SUV.

Our correspondent learnt that the truck driver, David Kojba, had stopped along the road to ask for direction from other motorists, and that the SUV then rammed into the truck. The sergeant reportedly died on the spot while Akere and the third occupant were rushed to the Lagos Island General Hospital for treatment.

A source told *Saturday PUNCH* that the incident happened on Monday, but did not give details about where the truck and the SUV were heading for or coming from.

He said, “A distress call was received around 1am that night and a police team from the Ebutero Police Division responded to the accident. Three occupants, including a policeman, were in the SUV. The policeman was later identified as Sergeant Kaye Ternenge from the Dolphin division. He died on the spot, but the two other occupants were rescued alive and taken to the hospital.

“The report the police got was that the truck driver had parked along the road to ask for directions from some people, unknown to the driver of the SUV. He rammed into the truck. The truck driver has been arrested.”

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Chike Oti, said the command sympathised with the family of the late policeman, adding that investigation had commenced into the incident.

“The corpse of the late policeman has been deposited at the Mainland General Hospital morgue, Yaba, for autopsy. The injured victims are responding to treatment,” he added.

Meanwhile, a worker of a Chinese firm in Iponri, Lagos, Shi Dong Yang, 29, and a 25-year-old porter, Nuru Muazu, have been confirmed dead after irons allegedly fell on them.

It was learnt that the duo were unloading the irons from a container into a warehouse in Ijora Badia, a neighbouring community.

The victims reportedly sustained severe head injuries and were rushed to the Apapa General Hospital where they died.

The police spokesperson in the state, Oti, who confirmed the incident, said the police received a distress call about the incident around 7pm on August 24.

He said, “Upon the information received that some irons allegedly fell on one Shi Dong Yang (male) and one Nuru Muazu while they were unloading the irons from a container, a team of policemen was quickly mobilised to the scene. The victims sustained severe head injuries and were rushed to the Apapa General Hospital, where they later died. Their corpses were evacuated to the Lagos Island General Hospital morgue for autopsy.”