

Rider arrested for crushing pedestrian on road

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The Lagos State Police Command has arrested a tricycle rider for allegedly crushing a yet-to-be identified man to death on Igbogbo Road, in the Ikorodu area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the rider, Saheed Nureni, was on top speed when he knocked down the pedestrian who was attempting to cross the road.

The pedestrian was said to have sustained serious injuries on his head and was rushed to the nearest hospital, where he was referred to another hospital near the scene of the crash.

The pedestrian was said to have been admitted to the second hospital, but was later confirmed dead while receiving treatment.

In his statement, the tricycle rider who reported the matter at the Ikorodu Police Division, Afolabi Oyejide, said, “I received a call from Nureni who told me that he was coming to my side. When he

arrived, he told me that a pedestrian ran into his tricycle and was knocked down, adding that the victim was at a hospital receiving treatment but he had not been responding to treatment.

“I told him that we should report the matter to the police. So, I and one other rider went to the police station to report and some policemen followed us to the scene of the accident and also to the hospital before the pedestrian gave up the ghost.”

Nureni in his statement to the police said he had been riding tricycle for over 10 years.

He said, “A man, whose name and address remain unknown, was crossing the road without watching out for oncoming vehicles. My tricycle hit him and he fell and passed out. I immediately rushed him to the nearest hospital, from where he was taken to another hospital where he died while receiving treatment.”

Our correspondent gathered that efforts by the police to locate the family of the deceased proved abortive, as there was no means of identification on him.

His body was deposited at a morgue of the Ikorodu General Hospital for autopsy.

Nureni, however, was arraigned before Candide Johnson Magistrates’ Court, Ikorodu, Lagos, on three counts.

The charges read in part, “That you, Nureni Saheed, along Igbogbo Road, Ikorodu, in the Ikorodu Magisterial District, being the rider in charge of one Bajaj tricycle with number plate, KTU 65 QE, did rode the same tricycle recklessly and dangerously on the public highway, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 18, Schedule I of the Road Traffic Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2012.

“That you, Nureni Saheed, in the aforementioned magisterial district, operated same tricycle on the highway without a valid rider permit, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 23, Schedule III of the Traffic Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2012.”

He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The presiding magistrate, Mr W.B. Balogun, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N500,000 with two sureties in like sum.

He said the sureties must show their tax certificates and must have landed property in the state.

The case was adjourned till November 29, 2018.

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