

Hit-and-run driver kills top pharmacist in Edo

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The proprietor of Austin Pharmacy, Austin Umweni, died on Wednesday after he was hit and killed by a Mercedes Benz car while he was jogging in the morning on Airport Road, Benin, Edo State.

It was gathered that the remains of Umweni, a keep-fit apostle, had been taken to the mortuary.

When *The PUNCH* visited his pharmacy on Igun Street, members of staff were seen discussing the incident.

One of them said, "This should not have happened to our boss. He was a gentleman who took care of people. I pray the Lord will give his family and those who work for him the fortitude to bear this great loss."

According to a source, members of deceased family were at the state traffic division on Sapele Road, urging the police to fish out the driver who snuffed out life from their breadwinner.

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Edo state police spokesman, SP Kontong Bello, confirmed the incident but said the report had yet to get to his office.