

# Tipper driver drowns stealing diesel from tanker

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The swollen body of a 39-year-old man, Jemilah Abdullahi, has been recovered from a diesel tanker compartment where he suffocated while allegedly attempting to steal diesel.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the incident happened on Monday in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

It was learnt that Abdullahi worked as a driver with Kinlon Company, Ikorodu, and fell inside the company's diesel tank while scooping fuel into a container.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident.

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He said, "The police received a distress call on January 23, 2023 around 1.15am that a tipper driver attached to Kinlon Company, Ketu Ereyun, Ikorodu, Lagos, had allegedly fallen inside the company's diesel tank and drowned while stealing diesel.

"The divisional officer of Ketu Ereyun led a team of police officers to the scene and recovered the swollen body of the man, identified as Jemilah Abdullahi.

"It took the combined efforts of the police and some other persons to retrieve the swollen body from the belly of the tank."

Hundeyin noted that the corpse was deposited in the Epe General Hospital morgue for an autopsy, adding that investigation was ongoing.