

Truck driver dies in Lagos crash, motor boy escapes

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A yet-to-be-identified driver on Thursday lost his life in a crash in the Marine Bridge area of Apapa, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the driver and his motor boy were on their way to a destination in the state when the truck developed a fault and broke down on the road.

In a bid to ascertain what happened to the truck, the driver and his motor boy reportedly used a jack to lift the truck and the driver went underneath the vehicle in an attempt to repair it.

The Director, Public Affairs Department, Lagos State Traffic Management Agency, Taofik Adebayo, while confirming the crash to our correspondent, said the truck that broke down had no rear light, adding that the driver and motor boy did not place a C-Caution on the road before the driver went under the vehicle.

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He, however, explained that another driver rammed into the faulty truck which fell on the driver, and killed him instantly.

Adebayo said, “The incident happened around 5.30am with LASTMA officials on the ground to respond swiftly to the emergency. An investigation revealed that the broken-down empty flatbed truck did not have any rear light, and no C-Caution to indicate that the truck had broken down before another containerised truck rammed into it.

“LASTMA officials led by Olaitan Bamidele and his team cleared the accident scene to allow free flow of traffic. They also handed over the two trucks with the corpse to the policemen at Area B Command at Apapa for further investigation. The motor

boy escaped.

“The General Manager, LASTMA, Bolaji Oreagba, however, reiterated the call on truck and containerised vehicle drivers to ensure their vehicles are in good condition with a good headlamp/rear lights/C-Caution before operating on any road in Lagos State.”