Driver kills passerby in Lagos

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A private car driver has been apprehended by operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority for allegedly killing a passerby in Ogba, Lagos.

The Director, of the Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department of LASTMA, Mr Adebayo Taofiq in a statement on Saturday disclosed that the fatal accident happened around Yaya Abatan by College Road, in Ogba, Ikeja.

He said, "Preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of an unregistered white Mercedes Benz (CLA 250) car lost control as a result of overspeeding and hit an innocent passerby who died instantly.

"LASTMA personnel apprehended the driver while running away after he saw that the innocent passerby had died as a result of the accident."

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The LASTMA Commander in Agege (Iju-Ifako axis), Akinola Ganiyu, who led the agency's rescue team noted that the driver was later handed over to policemen from Area 'G' Police Command who were also present at the scene of the accident for further investigation.

"While the vehicle was immediately cleared off the road for free vehicular movement, members of the deceased family later came and removed the corpse," Ganiyu was quoted as saying.

On his part, the General Manager of LASTMA, Mr Bolaji Oreagba, warned motorists against overspeeding, stressing the need to obey road signs and speed limits while driving on the roads.