

# Driver arrested for allegedly killing man during Ondo carnival

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The Ondo State Police Command on Tuesday evening said it had arrested one Lezibi Usman for allegedly killing a man, Olatunji Sunday, at Ikare Akoko, Akoko North-East Local Government Area of Ondo State on Monday evening.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the victims, who are youths, were celebrating the New Year with a carnival when the incident occurred.

An eyewitness who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity said Usman, who was the driver of the vehicle, lost control and rammed his vehicle into the midst of the youths who were holding a procession along the road.

He said, “This unfortunate incident that happened yesterday (Monday) evening affected youths from the Olokelede area of Ikare who were holding a procession from Ekan to Okela while the accident happened at the Sago area of the community.

“Two victims were seriously injured and were taken to the hospital but one of them gave up the ghost this (Tuesday) morning”, the eyewitness narrated.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Funmilayo Odunlami, who confirmed the arrest, said the bus hit four persons during the carnival, killing one and injuring three.

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“It happened while the youths were holding their carnival, one person died while the other three are receiving treatment at the hospital. I have not got the names of the other three victims.

The driver of the bus is in our custody,” the PPRO stated.

Similarly, the state sector command of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Ezekiel Son’Allah, confirmed the incident but said there was no life lost in the incident

According to Son’Allah, the crash was caused by speed violation on the part of the driver.

“Only two were injured and no one died in the accident. The injured victims were taken to Inland Hospital, Ikare for medical attention while the crashed vehicle was taken to the FRSC base, Ikare for safekeeping,” the FRSC official said.