

Driver in custody for killing 10-year-old with vehicle

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File copy: Man in handcuffs

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A 69-year-old commercial bus driver, Waidi Saheed, is now in police custody for allegedly crushing a 10-year-old, simply identified as Chukwudi, to death at the Iganmu-Mile 2 Expressway in Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident occurred at about 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

It was also gathered that the driver of the Nissan Coastal commercial bus, with registration number JJE-134 XK, hit the deceased as a result of speeding.

A police source told our correspondent that the deceased and his father were standing atop a culvert around Doyin bus stop before the driver smashed the skull of the deceased.

“One Bernard said he was going to church with his children at about 7 a.m., and while standing on a culvert at the Doyin bus stop along the Iganmu-Mile 2 Expressway. A Nissan Coastal commercial bus with registration number JJE-134 XK driven by one Waidi Saheed, aged 65, who was alleged to be driving at high speed, hit his son, aged 10, and smashed his skull, and he died instantly,” he said.

The source added that some miscreants attacked the cops with bottles and stones while they were evacuating the corpse.

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The officers were able to disperse them when the patrol teams arrived to provide backup.

“In the course of evacuating the corpse, some miscreants attacked them with stones and bottles, and the officers were able to repel them after the patrol teams came for reinforcement.

When contacted, the state command Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

He added that the corpse had been taken to the morgue at the Yaba General Hospital and that both the driver and the vehicle were in police custody.

“The corpse has been taken to the morgue at the Yaba General Hospital. The driver was later arrested, and the accident vehicle is in police custody. The investigation is ongoing.

PUNCH Metro had reported that a bus rapid transit driver, Sunday Bukola, crushed a five-year-old simply identified as Malik to death at Palmgrove in the Onipanu area of Lagos State.