

Police hunt hit-and-run driver over killing of travellers in Ogun



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THE Ogun State Police Command has initiated a manhunt to fish out a suspected hit-and-run driver who struck and killed two male travellers, identified as Yahaya Suleiman and Emeka, after knocking them off the overhead bridge at the Kara Market on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

Our correspondent gathered on Tuesday that the incident occurred around 3:30 pm on Monday when the driver lost control of his vehicle and rammed into the three travellers who were waiting for a commercial bus.

PUNCH Metro also learnt that the third pedestrian, identified only as Ishola, is currently in the hospital fighting for his life.

Issa, a satchet water seller, who witnessed the incident, told

our correspondent on Tuesday that the three pedestrians were struck by the driver, and two of them fell from the bridge due to the impact of the vehicle.

"The driver was speeding, and I think he lost control of the vehicle and rammed into the three people who were waiting by the roadside to board a bus. The impact of the hit knocked two of the three travellers off the bridge. The driver sped off immediately after," Issa told PUNCH Metro.

The spokesperson for the Ogun State Police Command, Omolola Odutola, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Tuesday and revealed that Suleiman and Emeka, who were knocked off the bridge, died in the hospital.

She said, "They were taken to the Lagos State Emergency Clinic at the old toll gate in the Ojota area of Lagos State. The two travellers who fell off the bridge were confirmed dead minutes after they were rushed to the hospital.

"The driver was believed to have lost control of his vehicle before ramming into the three travellers who were waiting to board a vehicle on the bridge. The third traveller, Ishola, sustained serious injuries. He is still in the hospital.

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