

Speeding driver kills OAU final year student

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OAU's main gate

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The management of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, on Thursday, announced the death of a final year student of the Department of Foreign Languages, Esu Ema.

Ema was reportedly killed by a driver, identified as Lasisi Sodiq, near the campus of the institution.

A release by the Public Relations Officer of the university, Abiodun Olarewaju, said the deceased student with the matriculation number FRM/2019/041 was knocked down and killed by a Lexus car with number plate ABJ 427 LQ driven by Sodiq.

Olanrewaju further explained that the student, who was said to be going to the campus to submit her final year project to her supervisor, was crossing the Ife – Ibadan Road near the campus gate when the accident happened

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“The members of the Federal Road Safety Corps came to recover the corpse of the student and deposited same at the mortuary of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex at about 12:35 pm while the officers of the Nigerian Police have arrested the driver for investigation and further necessary action,” the statement said.

Meanwhile, the OAU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Simeon Bamire, has sent a condolence message to the parents of the deceased through the Dean of Students Affairs of the university, Prof. Adeolu Odedire.

“It is very sad to lose a domestic animal, how can anyone quantify the loss of a child, most especially a grown-up child who was a young, promising adult with a lot of potential? A final year student for that matter,” the statement quoted Bamire as saying.

He appealed to the parents, siblings, family, friends and classmates of the deceased to take solace in God, adding, “The Lord will give us all the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.”