

Police hunt driver after officer dies in Gombe hit-and-run

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The Gombe State Police Command has launched a manhunt for the driver of an unidentified vehicle that knocked down a serving officer, Clement Yunana, in a hit-and-run incident.

According to the police, the incident occurred on Wednesday evening along Bauchi Road, opposite the Matrix Fueling Station in Tumfure, Akko Local Government Area of the state.

The 50-year-old Yunana, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, was reportedly attempting to cross the road at about 5:00 pm when he was struck by the vehicle heading towards Gombe metropolis.

Sources said the driver fled the scene without offering assistance.

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Confirming the incident in a press statement on Friday, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Buhari Abdullahi, described it as “tragic and regrettable,” disclosing that efforts were ongoing to trace and apprehend the fleeing driver.

Abdullahi stated, “The Command received with deep sorrow the report of the fatal hit-and-run involving one of our own. ASP Clement Yunana was a dedicated officer attached to the Railway Police Outstation in Bajoga Division. He sustained serious injuries and was rushed to the Federal Teaching Hospital, Gombe, where he was unfortunately pronounced dead.

“A full-scale investigation has been launched into the incident. Abdullahi appealed to members of the public for any useful information that could help identify the driver and vehicle involved.

“This is not just a tragic loss to the police force but also to the community he served with dedication. We are appealing to eyewitnesses or anyone with relevant information to assist us in ensuring justice is served.”

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