

Drunk driver kills woman returning from crossover service

From **Stanley Uzoaru**, Owerri

AN alleged drunken driver yesterday killed a middle aged woman at the Umudo, Ezi-Ogbaku community in Mbaitoli Local Government Area of Imo State, while she was returning from New Year crossover service.

According to a witness, the deceased, Mrs. Love Usobi, had five children for her husband, Ekechi, an artisan, and she was very close to her house before she was killed by the driver.

He said: "The fully loaded 14-seater Hummer bus from Aba, belonging to God's Time Motors with registration number, GUE 599 XA, Edo State, was heading to Onitsha before it skidded off the road and rammed into the woman along Ogbaku, Onitsha/Owerri Road at about 9:45 a.m.

"We saw the vehicle veering off the major road and like a speed of lightning, it rammed into the woman who was just about to turn left to her street".

However, one of the passengers from the bus who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the driver had earlier told them how he drank excess alcohol with some friends at Aba, to celebrate the New Year.

He said, "I don't think it happened

as a result of brake failure. I watched him several times appearing dizzy. I was sitting in the front row and was not comfortable and I kept urging him to be careful but he would not listen. I noticed it."

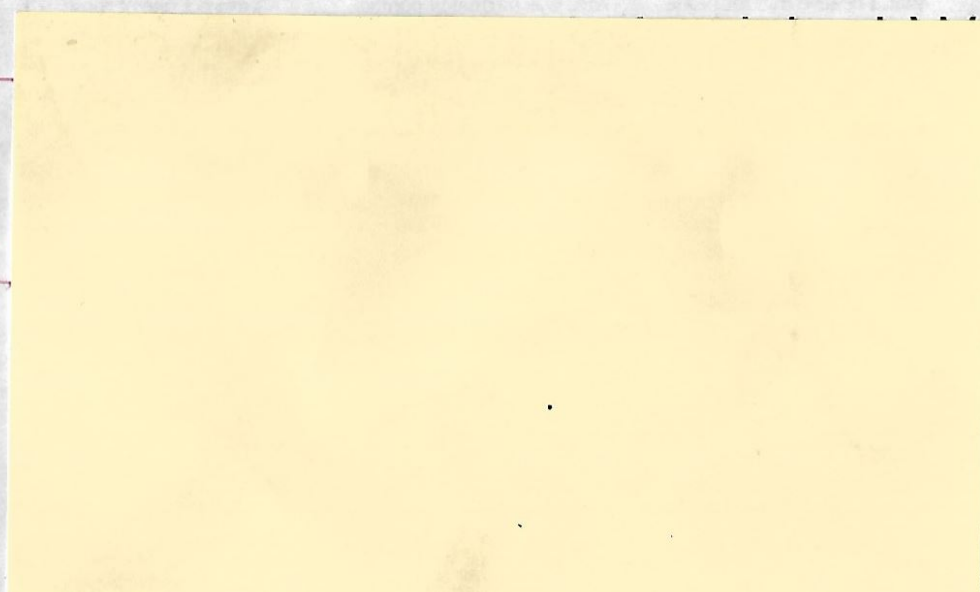
Another relation to the deceased, Mrs Chiyenre Usobi

, told our correspondent that the victim was full of life before she went to the church. She said: "She shouted happy New Year with us that wee hours in the compound.

"She only went back to church to thank God for protecting her, only for her thanksgiving to be

short lived."

Daily Sun learnt that the passengers sustained bruises but managed to continue their journey with another transport company while the driver submitted himself to a police station at Ogbaku and the body was deposited at a mortuary, nearby.



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abducted Daniel Mbatelen, the leader of Tiv people living in Danacha community in Gasol Local Government Area, Taraba State.