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Car crushes sergeant in Lagos



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...driver dies while relaxing inside bus

A 32-year-old police sergeant, Asuquo Ekpenyong, attached to Operations Department, Lagos State Police Command, has lost his life after he was knocked down by a vehicle.

This was as a commercial driver died while relaxing in his bus.

The incident occurred at Iyana Ejigbo bus stop on Egbe Road, Ejigbo. Ekpenyong was said to be on his way to office when he was knocked down by the Spot Utility Vehicle (SUV) with registration number LND 590DN.

The policeman was rushed to the Mainland General Hospital by a team of traffic personnel and men of the Anti-Crime patrol, who raced to the scene.

Ekponyong was later confirmed dead at the hospital and the body was deposited at the mortuary.

Meanwhile, a commercial bus driver, Emeka James (40), was said to be relaxing in his bus when he died.

The conductor, Conatus Amodike, told the police that he and his boss were driving the bus when it suddenly developed fault.

Amodike said instead of leaving the bus on the road they decided to push it to a filling station. Exhausted, the driver said he wanted to rest in the bus.

“When I went to wake him up to continue with our work, to my surprise, he had died. That was when I raised the alarm which attracted the workers in the filling station.

“The manager of the fuelling station called the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Marogbo Police Station. The family was also contacted and the body was later deposited at Badagry General Hospital,” Amodike said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Chike Oti, confirmed the incidents.

Oti said the police were still awaiting the autopsy report of the driver who died in his bus.

He added: “Investigation is ongoing into the accident that claimed the life of our officer.”