Truck kills pedestrian in Onitsha

Anambra State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr. Andrew Kumapayi, yesterday confirmed the death of a middleaged woman crushed by a truck while trying to cross the highway along Onitsha-Awka expressway.

Kumapayi told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Awka that the driver lost control of the truck while trying to avoid pedestrians crossing the highway.

The sector commander said the accident occurred at about 9.46 a.m.

The sector commander, however, commiserated with the family of the deceased and warned drivers to shun every form of dangerous driving while

tolerating other road users.

He also advised those crossing highways to always make use of the pedestrian bridge where available

He said: "The road traffic accident involved a green coloured DAF truck with registration number USL860ZC.

"The driver of the truck lost control of the vehicle while trying to avoid pedestrians crossing the expressway, but unfortunately ran over a middle-aged woman who eventually lost her life while crossing the expressway.

"The corpse was deposited at Toronto Hospital, Onitsha, while the vehicle was handed over to the Nigerian Police Force at Okpoko Police Station, for further investigation."