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Tragedy struck on Friday at the Oyingbo area of Lagos, as a 400-level student of Adamawa State University, Suleman Usman, was crushed to death by a sewage truck.

The senior brother of the deceased, Mahmoud, said that Suleman, 25, was on Christmas holiday in Lagos and was to return to school next week.

He said the deceased went with him to purchase a crash helmet at the Oyingbo auto-market for his bike in order to beat the FRSC's deadline on the compulsory wearing of helmet.

"I left my brother on top of my motorcycle to ask a shop attendant if they have crash helmets.

"As I was discussing with the attendant, an 'area boy' (a miscreant) walked up to him and asked him of his booking receipt for the morning.

"Suleman told him we were not using the bike to work today as it has no helmet.

"My brother explained further to the area boy that we are at Oyingbo to buy helmet. But immediately, the tout removed the motorcycle key.

"As both of them were struggling for the key, the area boy collected a bottle somewhere, broke it and threatened to stab my brother.

"It was while attempting to cross to the other side of the road to escape being stabbed that he was crushed by an on coming truck.

"He died on the spot," Mahmoud added.

He said that an arrangement would be made for the immediate burial of the deceased, according to Islamic injunction.

A source at the Denton Police Station, Oyingbo, that the area boy in question had escaped and that the driver of the truck, with Reg. No. XA 184 MUS, had been arrested.

"We know the area boy very well. We will make sure he faces the wrath of the law as soon as he is arrested," the source said. The blood of the deceased, which dotted the road was immediately covered with sand by sympathisers. The truck had also been taken to the police station.

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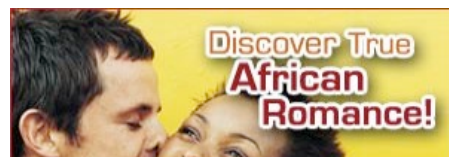


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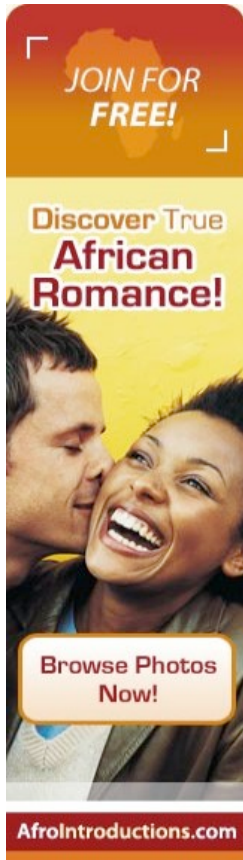


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