

Couple killed, man's leg crushed by lorry in Ondo

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AKURE—A couple, riding on motorcycle, were reportedly crushed, Sunday, while the leg of another was severed in Akure, Ondo State, by a lorry.

Vanguard gathered that the incident occurred when the lorry driver, identified as Friday Ambrose, lost control and rammed into the couple and a man by the road side,

in front of a popular primary school at Isinkan area in Akure. He reportedly escaped unhurt.

Eyewitness account said the timber lorry, marked Lagos, XN 968 AKD, was heading to one of the sawmills along Ondo Road from Arakale area of the town when it lost control, hit the median, swerved to the other lane and hit the persons.

It was learned that the

couple died instantly with their bodies dismembered, while the man by the road side had his leg severed.

However, police spokesman, Wole Ogodo, denied that two persons died in the crash.

Ogodo said only one person died in the crash, adding that the man on the motorcycle, identified as Damilola Babutunde, died, while the passenger was injured.

He said: "Information reaching me is that the accident occurred when the truck driver lost control of the vehicle and ran over the motorcycle that was parked beside the road, injuring the driver and the passenger.

"The rider, Babatunde, 20, later died in the state Specialists Hospital, Akure, while the passenger, whose name and address are unknown, is still receiving treatment in the hospital."

He said that the driver, Ambrose, had been arrested and is in police custody.

Student docked for attempted robbery

three-count charge of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, attempted armed robbery and unlawful possession of firearms.

Principal counsel to Lagos State Government, Mr. Afeez Owokoniran, informed the court that the offence was contrary to Section 296 (2) (a) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

The defendants pleaded not

guilty to the charge.

Ayo said he was returning from where he went to buy fish when he was arrested.

He said: "I was arrested by the police on June 16, 2013 and taken to Isashi Police Station. The police collected my phone. I know Ramon (3rd defendant) because he used to repair our generator."

Justice Oluwatoyin Ipaye adjourned the case to November 6.