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Speeding van crushes pregnant woman, 4 children, okada rider

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By Ochuko Akuopha

OLEH—A pregnant woman, her four children and a commercial motorcyclist were crushed by a Hilux pick-up van along old Oleh–Ozoro Road, Oleh, Isoko South Local Government Area, Delta State.

The woman, who sold electrical appliances, sources said, had boarded a motorcycle with the children after close of sales for the day, when the incident occurred.

A source, who sought anonymity, said the driver of the pick-up was going home with N200,000, being part payment of proceeds from the sale of his family's piece of land, when he rammed into the victims.

The source said deliberations on how the part payment of the land, sold for N400,000, should be shared had resulted in a dispute among members of the family, during which one of them snatched the money and drove off in the Hilux pick-up.

The source said three of the family members went after him in a Toyota Camry car. It was in the course of the chase that he lost control and hit the motorcycle, which was headed in the same direction.

He said the victims died on the spot and the vehicle dragged them along the road for a while before stopping.

According to him, the car somersaulted several times, but no casualty was recorded. He added that the bodies of the deceased had been deposited in the mortuary of a nearby hospital, while the Hilux driver is still at large.