

# UNN student dies while skating

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**NSUKKA-** The death of a 300-level student of Civil Engineering Department, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, UNN, Cyprian Omeke, has thrown the town into mourning.

The 22-year-old Omeke, a professional skater, reportedly died Friday after being hit by a vehicle while skating on a sloppy University Market Road, in Nsukka.

It was gathered that the deceased was gliding along the road in preparation for a competition with other professional skaters in the metropolis when he lost control and collided with a moving car.

According to friends, sympathisers immediately rushed him to Bishop Shanahan Hospital, Nsukka, where he was pronounced dead.

One of his classmates,



*The late Cyprian Omeke*

Christopher Ibe, said he used to share seats with the late Omeke when he was alive, describing him as jovial and

caring colleague.

"Cyprian was my very good friend. Since this semester started, two of us had been sharing seats. He normally comes earlier than I do, so, he reserved a space for me every time. If the class is filled, I would simply walk up to him and he would adjust his sitting position to accommodate me.

"He was a kind person, there was a time my phone was stolen and he gave me his smaller phone to be using before I bought a new one. When we came to class in the morning on Friday, the same day he died, he told me to return his phone to him since I have bought another one. I promised to return it to him on Monday; I did not know that I will not see him again." Ibe said.

While reacting to the sad development, one of his roommates, Anthony Ebido, said he was still in doubt that he was dead.

Ebido said: "Whenever I enter the room and he is not there, memories of his times with me would envelope my mind. I remember how we used to play and the funny names he called me. It is hard to believe that I would not see him again.

"When we visited the family, the mother was so devastated. She asked rhetorically, 'Am I supposed to be the one to bury my son?' Tears welled up in her eyes and she started crying," Ebido stated.

Enugu State Police Public Relations Officer, Ebere Amaraizu, confirmed the development, assuring that officers of the command are already handling the incident.

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