

Tragic end of a Police Inspector

- Crushed by Uber driver who attempted to evade arrest
- His 26 years carrier crashed like a pack of card- colleague

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They are often sighted at Idi-Oro, Mushin area of Lagos, looking out for criminals, as part of their constitutional responsibilities to ensure safety of lives and property.

However, on September 1, 2020, tragedy struck, as an Uber driver who was flagged down refused to stop. Apparently suspecting he was up to something, the policemen put up some act of bravery to stop the driver at all cost.

Unfortunately, it cost one of them his life as he was rammed over by the vehicle. The driver who was later identified as Izuchukwu Sunday kept moving, with the dying policeman's colleagues in hot pursuit.

The 26-year-old Uber driver was



intercepted in a traffic. The Police Inspector, Akinsuyi Bamidele, who was attached to Area 'D' command

Mushin, did not survive the attack, as he died before arriving at an undisclosed hospital where he was rushed to.

One of his colleagues who spoke on the condition of anonymity, lamented that the deceased 26 years in the Force had gone down the drain.

He said: "If he was shot by robbers it would have been understood because every day we are confronted with life threatening challenges. A week before the incident, he said he had a disturbing dream that needed him to fast and pray. He said he would embark on the spiritual assignment on Saturday, September 6, 2020. Unfortunately, he died few days before he could do that, thereby ending his 26 years he had put in, like a pack of card".

Break failure

In this interview with the Ebonyi state-born Uber driver, he claimed he had a break failure.

According to Sunday, "I picked somebody on Akinbode street, Mushin. The passenger had a parcel with him. He said it was Indian hemp.

"As I was about negotiating a bend, I saw four policemen. I didn't expect them to be there. Infact, I didn't see them at all. They did not flag me. They were four. I passed two of them but the third ran into the front of the car.

"As I was trying to apply the brake, it failed. I saw the policeman fall. But I kept moving because I didn't know he was hurt. By the time his colleagues caught up with me they said I had hit one of them.

"This is my journey to jail. I don't know if I will come out of it alive", he said in an emotional laden tone.

The suspect who was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, SCIID, Yaba, has been charged to court.