Driver evading police, kills 15-year old student in Lagos

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A 15-year old student of Araromi Ilogbo Secondary School, Jamiu Quam, was yesterday, reportedly killed by a bus driver at Origan bus-stop, Aradagun, Badagry Expressway, Lagos.

It was gathered that Jamiu was returning from school with his mates at about 1:45 pm when a pick-up Caster with number plate XC715 ACY driven by one Rasheed Tajudeen hit him.

According to Afeez, one of the students who witnessed the incident, "the driver of the pickup Caster was trying to evade policemen at MTN Aradagun bus stop when he hit Jamiu."

But the Lagos State Police spokesperson, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, while confirming the death of the student, said he was hanging with his mates at the back of the bus when he fell, hit his head on the ground and died on the way to the hospital.

Olumuyiwa Adejobi said: "At about 1345hrs, a case of a fatal motor accident was reported involving a pickup Caster with number plate XC715 ACY driven by one Rasheed Tajudeen of 1a, Fadaka Avenue, Ilepo Bus Stop, Okoato area of Lagos.

"Jamiu Quam, 15-year old a student of Araromi Ilogbo Secondary School, who hung along with his mates at the back of the said vehicle, fell and hit his head on the ground at Origan Bus Stop, Okoato, Badagry Expressway, Lagos, and died on the way to the hospital.

"Scene visited by the divisional traffic officer, a photograph was taken, driver arrested and the corpse taken away by the family for burial according to Islamic rites."