



Fleeing truck driver crushes 10-year-old boy in Ondo

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AKURE—A truck driver trying to evade arrest by security operatives, weekend,

crushed a 10-year-old boy, Olaniyi Ayomide to death in Ayeyemi area of Ondo town, Ondo State.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Dele, said the truck

which was conveying planks from the forest veered off the road on sighting security personnel from a distance and crushed the boy who was walking alongside his father.

Dele, an *Okada* rider, said the victim was walking by the roadside and was unaware that the driver of the truck at high speed was approaching.

According to him, "the driver was on high speed and as he tried to dodge the law enforcement agents who had warned him against conveying the planks at the night. The man tried to evade arrest by Amotekun men and in the process, knocked down the boy and crushed him to death.

The eyewitness described the sudden death of the boy as horrific.

"I just dropped a passenger and made a u-turn to the other side of the road where the boy was walking with his father.

"I sighted the vehicle but before I could call their attention to it, it was too late as it was already close to them.

"The driver of the van also saw them late because he tried to apply the brakes but unfortunately it too was late.

Vanguard gathered that officials of the FRSC patrol team later arrived at the scene and took the remains of the deceased to the mortuary.

The truck driver has been arrested by the personnel of the state security outfit.



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