

# News

## Motorist driving against traffic kills LASTMA official in Lekki

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A Official of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, LASTMA, Jamiu Issa, was Wednesday, crushed to death in the Lekki Area of the state.

Jamiu Issa was knocked down and ran over by a driver who had driven against the flow of traffic while trying to escape arrest.

The General Manager, Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mr Bolaji Oreagba, who confirmed the death, said the errant driver drove a green Toyota Sienna bus, with number plate FST 901 AR at the time of the unfortunate incident.

According to him, the late Issa accosted the driver who drove against the traffic, facing oncoming vehicles from the Chevron area, towards the Conservation Toll Plaza.

He said: "It was reported that Issa, the LASTMA patrol team leader in Ajah, was knocked down and ran over by the traffic law offender who had pretended to be alighting from the vehicle

"The driver changed his action and tried to escape by reversing the vehicle, knocking down Issa with the opened door while the front tyre ran over the officer. This action fatally injured Issa in the process.

"Issa's colleagues at the scene of the event quickly put a call through to the zonal head while some Good Samaritans and eyewitnesses pursued the escaping Sienna driver to the Chevron Waterfront area where he was eventually apprehended and taken to Ilasan Police Station.

"The driver was eventually taken to Ajiwe Police Station under which jurisdiction the event happened for proper investigation.

"According to other eye witnesses' accounts, the driver also knocked down another person while he was trying to escape from the scene."

He said that Issa was rushed to the Lagos Island General Hospital where he was confirmed dead.