

11th May 2022

Mr Bolaji Oreagba
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Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA)
LSTC Building
Apapa-Oshodi Expressway
Oshodi, Lagos State



Dear Sir,

COMPLAINT ON THE RECKLESSNESS OF LASTMA OFFICIALS ON THE ROAD

I write on the above subject matter to complain of the recklessness of LASTMA officials on the road.

This morning, 11th day of May, 2022 at about 8:15AM by 7-up toll-gate, Ikosi junction, Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, some LASTMA officials with officers of the Nigeria Police Force tried to arrest a commercial bus (danfo) by forcefully dragging his steering wheel. The commercial bus driver resisted the arrest and forced his way off the road by hitting my car from behind, causing my pregnant colleague in the car to have a panic attack and also denting my car back bumper.

I properly parked and respectfully approach your officers informing them that my pregnant colleague had a panic attack due to the sudden jam on my car. But to my utmost surprise, your officers exclaimed, telling me that there was no physical damage on my car so why was I complaining and they drove away.

I was shocked at the lack of pity and value for human lives by your officers.

I know that Government is for the people and all Government's duties, including its officials, should be geared towards protecting lives and properties and also making the citizen's life relatively easy.

It should be noted that your officials did not apologise or even attempt to find out the health situation of my pregnant colleague which is very inhumane of them and this can give rise to a legal action against the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) and the Lagos State Government.

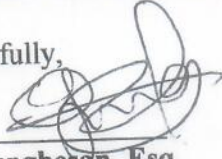
I believe there is a standard protocol by which your officials ought to abide with when effecting arrest and I strongly doubt that dragging steering wheel of a moving vehicle is encouraged by the Authority.

I hereby request for the Authority to diligently investigate this allegation and call your officers to order.

I also strongly advice for regular training for your officers on how to perform their duties and more importantly, how best to interact with the citizen.

Thank you as I look forward to a positive feedback and change for a greater Lagos.

Yours faithfully,



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