

The accused, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The magistrate, Mrs. T. Akanni, granted the accused bail in the sum of N150, 000 with one surety in like sum. She adjourned the case to April 1 for mention.

Auto crashes claim 8 on Enugu-Onitsha, Lokoja-Abuja roads 22 injured

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NO fewer than four persons have been confirmed dead while 11 persons sustained various degrees of injuries in an auto crash that occurred on Monday at about 9 pm along Enugu-Onitsha expressway by Nkwo, Ezeagu in Ezeagu local government area of Enugu State.

It was, however, gathered that the auto crash involved a DAF truck with registration number XA 805 FUN and a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number XZ 192 ENU which allegedly collided with each other head on.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the victims have been deposited at our Saviour Hospital mortuary 9 th Mile corner Ngwo while the injured were rushed to Unity Hospital Ngwo for medical attention.

The names of the victims are yet to be established. Also, the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) yesterday confirmed that four persons died in an auto accident which happened on Lokoja/Abuja road in the early hours of the day.

The Kogi Sector Commander of the FRSC, Mr Garba Mohammed, told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Lokoja that the accident occurred at a spot in Crusher area, a suburb of Lokoja.

He said it involved a commercial Toyota Hiace bus with registration number Edo XA 880 RRU going from Benin to Abuja.

The FRSC boss said 15 passengers, including the driver, were involved in the lone accident.

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