

Driver in court for killing 3 persons

A 42 year-old commercial bus driver, Mohammed Ibrahim, was yesterday arraigned before a Lokoja Chief Magistrate's Court for killing three persons while driving dangerously.

Ibrahim of Oludase Street, Owo, Ondo State is being charged with "causing death by dangerous driving" contrary to section 23 of the Road Traffic Law.

According to the prosecution, the accused driving

a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number ONDO XE 634 NND on August 16, along the Lokoja-Abuja highway, allegedly collided with a Peugeot 505 station-wagon with registration number EDO AG 577 URM at Akpanya.

The driver of the Peugeot 505, Andrew Benson of Uromi, Edo state and one other passenger died on the spot, while seven others, who sustained injuries were rushed to Ideal Hospital, Koton-Karfe for treatment.

The prosecution also said that one Aduke Olarenwaju, a female passenger in the car later died at the hospital. When the case was mentioned yesterday, the prosecuting police officer, Mr. Paul Elaigwu, said investigation into the case was in progress.

He said the case file would be sent to the state director of public prosecution for legal advice.

In his ruling, the Chief Magistrate, Mr. Sam Atsumbe said there was no doubt that the accident was a fatal one, but that he would use his discretion in granting bail to the accused.

Atsumbe, therefore, granted bail to the accused in the sum of N25,000 with a surety in like sum.

He said that the surety must be resident within the jurisdiction of the court and adjourned the case to October 17. (NAN)

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be an annual series published by the UNFPA country office, adding that the report was written within the context of the millennium development goals and Nigeria's track record in the achievement of the goals.

Chairman, National Population Commission (NPC), Samu'ila Danko Makama, expressed delight that the report focused on the plight of women being an important segment of the national population.

He hoped that the data to be generated from the 2006 census would serve as further guide in efforts to respond to the needs of the migrant woman.