

Driver arraigned over death of civil servant

A trailer driver was arraigned before an Abuja chief magistrate's court on Friday for allegedly driving illegally and causing the death of a civil servant. Idris Adama of Tungan Wakili in Abuja was accused of driving dangerously without a driver's licence and

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allegedly causing the death of one Mr Rowland Ekati of Federal Ministry of Science and Technology in Abuja.

According to the prosecutor Abdullahi Al-hassan: "About 09.30 p.m. on 8th October, 2006, Mr Idris Adama

,46, of Tungan Wakili in Abuja drove a trailer vehicle with registration no. AA 417 KEF in a dangerous manner, and in the process he caused the death of one Mr Rowland Ekati of Federal Ministry of Science and Technology in Abuja and also damaged his Peugeot 505 Evolution. He

also damaged one Mitsubishi van driven by one Mr. Motte of Grand Square, Central Area in Abuja."

The prosecutor added that these allegations against the accused contradict Sections 548 and 18A of the Road Traffic Act of the federation. The accused, how-

ever, denied the allegations.

The presiding magistrate gave the accused person bail at the sum of N100, 000 and one reasonable surety in like sum. The surety must be resident within the jurisdiction of the court. The case was adjourned till 18th September, 2007 for hearing.