Court acquits forgiven killer driver

Maiduguri magistrate court has acquitted Ali Mohammed, the driver of a car that crushed one Jidda Huseini to death on Gamboru road in Maiduguri last Friday.

Ruling on the case of "dangerous driving" at the Wulari magistrate court, Magistrate Mary Ibiam said: "Since the father of the diceased has forgiven the accused, declaring that he (Uda) had no case with you, you are discharged and acquitted by the court."

Mohammed's acquittal over dangerous driving was however with the Magistrate's warning that he

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must always drive carefully.

Ibiam added; "You should always have consideration for other road users."

The Investigation Police Officer (IPO), told the court that at about 7pm on February 22, 2008, Jidda Huseini, was knocked down on Gamboru road by a car with registration number CL 976 EKY.

According to section 23 of the Penal Code, Mohammed would have been sentenced to a jail term of 12 months and N500,000 fine or both for dangerous driving and overspeeding.