

Man fined N200 for theft

By Usman A. Bello

An Abuja magistrate court last Friday fined a 22 year-old man N200 for theft contrary to section 287 of the penal code, The accused, Wisdom Olard of no fixed address, was said to have snatched a hand bag from one Miss Tina Okonkwo at Wuse bus top. According to the prosecutor, Francis Tanko, the accused was arrested by securitymen when he was about to run away after snatching the bag, adding that during police investigations, the bag was recovered from him. The accused pleaded guilty and begged for leniency. "I saw an advertisement on television calling for talents to come for trial but before I get there the competition was over. I had no money to feed or go back to my village hence I stole the bag to get money to eat and go back home, He explained". The presiding magistrate, Rosemary Kayyip, fined him N200 and warned him to desist from such act and go back to his village. In another court, three persons were cautioned, discharged and acquitted for alleged public nuisance. The accused, Kingsley Agah (24) Yosiah Samuel (20) and Nowah Augustine were arrested at a criminal hide out by a team of police patrol. The prosecutor, Francis Tanko, had earlier told the court that the accused persons could not give a satisfactory account of themselves when they were accosted by the team. The accused pleaded guilty and begged the court to temper justice with mercy, saying they were arrested at Wuse park but not in a hideout. The prosecutor urged the court to try the accused persons summarily under section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC). The presiding magistrate, Mabel Segun Bello, cautioned and discharged them.

One dies, three injured in accident

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One person died while three others sustained serious injuries on Sunday morning in a fatal motor accident which occurred along Abuja - Lokoja highway. The accident which occurred at about 2: am in the morning at Yangoji village, a few metres away from Kwali, involved a Peugeot J5 bus with registration number AJ 91 MNA and a trailer truck who ran away after the accident. Confirming the accident, the FCT Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Nseobong Akpabio said the accident was as a result of over speeding. He said the J5 bus with four persons on board, loaded with oranges was coming from Akure to Abuja and was on a high speed, adding that the driver lost control and hit a moving trailer from behind killing one person on the spot and injuring three others." The driver of the trailer refused to stop after the accident," he said. He said the three injured persons were taken to Kwali General hospital for treatment while the corpse was deposited at the Gwagwalada specialist Hospital morgue, adding that the three injured were later referred to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital due to the nature of the injuries sustained. The FRSC gave the name of the J5 driver as Yusufa Abdullahi and one Idris Haruna. However, Akpabio warned drivers and passengers to desist from travelling at night in view of its grievous consequences.

Accident claims three in Kwali

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Three persons lost their lives while one other sustained serious injuries on Thursday morning in a ghastly motor accident that occurred along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

The accident which happened at about 8:am at Anini village, about 12 kilometers from Kwali involved a Mercedes Benz (190) car with registration number BG 75ABC.

Confirming the incident, the Kwali Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Tukur D. Sifawa, said it was as a result over speeding.

He said the Mercedes Benz car driver who was coming from Lokoja was at top-speed but lost control, adding that the car somersaulted thrice and veering off the road and crashing into a

ditch by the roadside killing two persons on the spot.

He said that one person later died at Kwali General Hospital thirty minutes after they were evacuated by the FRSC patrol team to the hospital, disclosing that three corpses were taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital Morgue.

Mr. Sifawa further disclosed that two persons were injured in another accident on the same day at Yangoji village, near Slan petrol station.

He said the accident involved a Mercedes Benz truck loaded with timber with registration number XA 234 NTT and another Mercedes Benz truck with registration number XD 546 RBC, conveying two persons on board, adding that they sustain-

ed serious injuries and were rushed to Kwali General Hospital for treatment.

He said the accident was as a result of dangerous overtaking by one of the Mercedes Benz trucks coming from Gwagwalada end which collided with the other truck from the opposite direction, saying that the accident caused a heavy traffic jam on the highway.

He attributed the accident to double parking of trucks on both sides of the road, saying that the unit command has already discussed with the Kwali council chairman on the need to provide a parking space for heavy trucks at Yangoji village to reduce accidents on the road.

In a related development, one person also died in another accident that occurred on Abaji-Lokoja road.

The Abaji Unit Commander

of the FRSC Mr. O.J. Ojerinde, said the accident involved DAF truck with registration number XA 750 RUM.

He said the crash was as a result of one of the truck which overtook dangerously and crashed the side of the Daf truck and in the process breaking the contents of the engine oil which spilled all over the road.

He added that one of the commuter busses with registration number XA 44 KWA carrying 20 passengers lost control as a result of the slippery nature of the road occasioned by the oil spill and veered off, falling into a ditch killing one person on the spot.

He said the corpse has been taken to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital morgue, while 17 other passengers were taken to Abaji General Hospital for treatment.



An accident scene at Gada-biyu village, along Abuja - Lokoja highway, recently.

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