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Barber jailed for smashing windscreen

By Usman A. Bello & Shenjobi O. Omotoyosi

AN Abuja Magistrate Court yesterday sentenced a 27-year-old Barber, Akuuse Winston to two weeks imprisonment for smashing the windscreen of vehicle belonging to one Adoremi Titus of Mpape village, Abuja.

Police prosecutor, Francis Tanko, told the court that on June 8, 2010, the complainant reported to the police that while he was driving along Herbert Macaulay Way, Wuse Zone 3, by Maitama junction, the accused smashed his wind screen valued at N18,000.

When the charged was read to the accused, he pleaded guilty and begged for leniency, saying he will not do it again.

He said: "I did not purposely smash the windscreen. I was trying to avoid being run over by the complainant who was trying to evade police arrest and in the process fell on his vehicle's bonnet and broke his wind screen with the barbing instrument I was holding," the accused said.

The prosecutor urged the court to try the accused summarily under section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC), and prayed for the award of N18,000 being compensation to the complainant.

Magistrate Aminu Eri sentenced the accused to two weeks imprisonment or an option of N100 fine in the alternative.

The magistrate however, struck out the compensation's application and urged the complainant to file a civil suit against the accused if he is not satisfied with the judgment.

Husband accuses wife of taking contraceptives

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A man, Abubakar Wada, yesterday accused his wife of taking family planning pills without his knowledge despite being legally married to him for years.

Wada made the allegation at an Abuja Upper Area Court during the hearing into the divorce suit filed by his wife, Hasiya Abubakar, urging the court to dissolve their marriage due to her husband's alleged maltreatment.

He told the court that he mal-

treated his wife because he found some family planning pills in her possession, adding that he has never met her at home whenever he returned from work.

"Whenever I call her parents to confirm if she is with them they always say no. I wonder where she must have been going to as a married woman without my consent," Wada said.

He also accused his wife of being in touch with her ex husband because whenever he took her to the hospital for treatment,

she used the former hubby's name instead of his own, saying: "All the hospital receipts bear the name of my wife's former husband even though I am the one that settles her hospital bill."

"I still love her but I refused to go and see her when she packed out of my house and I have already leased her room out because of unfaithful attitude," Wada said.

Responding, Hasiya denied the allegation, stating that she uses her father's name in the hos-

pital which coincides with that of her former husband.

Hasiya said she resorted to taking contraceptive pills to avoid getting pregnant because her husband denied her first pregnancy without giving any reason.

The Presiding Judge, Issa Alhaji Yahaya advised the couple to go and settle their differences out of court and imbibe the fear of Allah in handling the matter.

The case was adjourned to July 8 for further hearing.



A barrow pusher answering the nature's call at Jabi recently.

PIC: KENNDY EGBONODJE

Two die in auto crash at Yangoji

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

TWO persons last Friday evening lost their lives while two others sustained serious injuries in a fatal accident that occurred at Yangoji village, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

The victims died hours after they were conveyed to Kwali General Hospital by a rescue team comprising officials of the Yangoji unit command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

A witness said the accident occurred at about 5:14 pm when an unregistered Volkswagen Golf car with four occupants on board coming from Kwali lost control and somersaulted several times, killing the two passengers in the vehicle.

The witness said the driver lost control in an attempt to avoid crushing a Fulani woman who entered the road without watching her sides.

The Yangoji FRSC unit commander, Abdullahi Umar, confirmed the accident, attributing it to speed limit violation.

He said the four victims were rescued alive but two of them died at Kwali General Hospital, adding that the Fulani woman who was knocked down by the vehicle is responding to treatment at the hospital.

Meanwhile, residents of Yangoji community who spoke to our reporter blamed the incessant accidents along the road on indiscriminate parking by trailer drivers.

They said trailer drivers coming from the east always parked on both sides of the road, thereby making it difficult for pedestrians to cross.

They appealed to the Kwali council authorities to provide parking space for heavy duty trucks to reduce incessant accidents on the highway.

Applicant in court over Mobile phone theft

By Usman A. Bello & Shenjobi O. Omotoyosi

THE police have arraigned an applicant, Mmere Stanley, before an Abuja magistrate court for stealing a mobile phone from one Solomon Anin of Kubwa village.

The accused was alleged to have committed the offence on June 22, which is punishable under section 287 of the Penal Code Law.

Prosecutor Adamu Abdullahi told the court that the complainant reported to the police that while he was at Wuse zone 3, Secondary School, the accused came to him and forcefully collected his phone valued at N10,000.

The prosecutor stated further that during investigations, the said phone and a locally made Axe was recovered from the accused.

When the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty and requested for bail while the prosecutor asked for a date for hearing.

Magistrate Aminu Eri granted the accused bail in the sum N10,000 with one surety who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and have a fixed address.

The case was adjourned to July 7 for hearing.

Two robbery suspects remanded in prison custody

By Hussein Yahaya

AN Abuja Magistrate Court Monday ordered that two suspected members of a robbery gang be remanded in Kuje prison until a formal bail application is filed before the court by their counsels.

Onyebuchi Ifeajekwu, 29 and Sunday Ani, 28 were arraigned for unlawful possession of fire arms and as well as belonging to a gang of armed robbers.

The Police Prosecutor, Inspector Richard Salam, informed the court that on February 2, 2010, the two accused persons and others, now at large, at New Nyanyan, were found to be associating with a gang of suspected robbers believed to be habitual criminals.

He added that the two accused persons and others, now at large, were on the same date and place found in pos-

session of unlawful personal fire-arms that were not licensed.

According to the prosecutor, the two offences are punishable under Section 306 of the Penal Code and Section 3 of the Fire Arms Act CAP 'F' 28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004.

When the two-count charge was read to the accused persons, they pleaded not guilty. Counsel to the first accused person orally applied for his bail which was vehemently opposed to by the prosecutor on the grounds that the offences were not ordinarily bailable.

Chief Magistrate, Sunday Ochimana, ordered that the two accused persons be remanded in the Kuje Prison pending bail application by their counsels.

The case was adjourned till July 15 for hearing.