Motorist arraigned over policeman's death

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A 23-year-old man was yesterday arraigned before an Abuja Magistrate Court for allegedly causing the death of Sergeant Maisule Isah through dangerous driving and committing offences punishable under Sections 27 and 29 of Road Traffic Act.

Gomina Hamza of Gaidan Close, Garki, Abuja, was also accused of not paying attention to other road users.

'Police prosecutor, Ahmed Mohammed,

informed the court that on August 12, a police patrol team attached to Maitama Police Station arrested the accused for driving a Honda Accord car with registration number EE 220 ABJ dangerously and without caring for other

road users along Kubwa expressway.

He said the accused knocked down Sergeant Maisule Isah, who was riding a Vespa, adding that he died, while his motorcycle was damaged.

When the charges were read to the accused, he denied them and his counsels led by Barrister Chuks Onyemachi sought for his bail on the ground that the constitution presumes an accused person innocent until proven guilty.

Chief Magistrate Ademuyiwa Oyeyipo granted the accused bail in the sum of N100,000 with a surety in like sum, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and swear to an affidavit to produce the accused in court on the adjourned date.

The case was adjourned to September 30 for hearing.