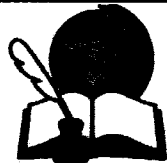


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Technician charged with killing pedestrian

By Abdulkadir Y. Abdullahi

A 30-year-old technician, Benjamin Joseph of Chichinia village, Suleja, Niger State, was on Thursday arraigned before a Karu Magistrate Court for allegedly driving recklessly, which led to the death of one Monday Eze.

Benjamin was accused of causing death by dangerous driving, an offence contrary to Section 27 of the Road Traffic Act CAP 548 as well as federal laws of Nigeria 1990.

Police prosecutor, Mohammed Garba, informed the court that on February 7, while the accused was driving his Golf car with registration number AA 807 RBC along Nnamdi Azikwe Expressway, he knocked down a pedestrian, Monday Eze, of Federal Housing Authority, Lugbe, Abuja, who died on the spot.

When the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty, while his counsel Barrister A.J Obaniyi made an oral application for his bail and the prosecutor asked for a date for hearing.

Magistrate Ahmed Shuaibu granted the accused bail in the sum of N500,000 with a reliable surety, who must have an established business outfit within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to February 28 for hearing.

One dies as truck crashes in Kwali

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

ONE person died while seven others sustained serious injuries on Friday morning in a fatal motor accident that occurred at Piri village, along the Kwali-Lokoja highway.

A witness said the accident happened at about 5:15 am when a Daf truck with registration number XE 767 DAL lost control while on top speed and crashed into a ditch, killing one person on the spot.

"The truck was carrying a large number of cows and its driver tried to avoid a pot-hole and crashed into a water drainage system," the witness said.

Our reporter who visited the accident scene gathered from observers that the driver's corpse which was trapped in front of the truck was removed by the combined efforts of motorists and officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

Four of the cows died instantly, while four

others that sustained serious injuries were slaughtered by butchers from Yangogi village, who went away with the meat.

Reacting, Yangogi FRSC unit Commander, Abdullahi Umar, attributed the accident to loss of control of the vehicle by the driver, whose corpse was deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue at Gwagwalada.

He said the injured victims are at Kwali General Hospital.

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