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The police yesterday arraigned a taxi driver, Okpeyemi Sani, 29 of Games Village, Abuja, before an Abuja Senior Magistrate Court for allegedly knocking down one Kingsley Joshua, a staff of CCECC Construction Company.

The Police Prosecutor, Paul Anigbo, told the court that, on May 17, at about 7.30 p.m., the accused drove his Nissan Almera car with registration number KUJ 385 AS in a dangerous manner along Musa Yar'Adua Way, Abuja and knocked down the pedestrian.

The prosecutor said the deceased sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident, which eventually led to his death on the same day.

He alleged that after the accident, the accused drove off with his vehicle without rendering any assistance to the deceased.

According to the prosecutor, the suspect was later arrested on May 17 by some police officers on patrol along Games Village, Abuja, and taken to Police Station.

The prosecutor said his offence contravened Sections 28(1) and 34(a)(b)(c) of the Road Traffic Act.

Section 28(1) of the Act states that a person who drives a motor vehicle on a highway recklessly or negligently, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, is guilty of an offence under this Act and liable to imprisonment or fine or both.

When the charges were read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty and sought for bail.

Senior Magistrate Usman Shuaibu granted him bail in the sum of N1 million with a

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The magistrate ruled that the surety must be a civil servant of not less than Grade Level 10 and must be residing within the jurisdiction of the court.

The case was adjourned to June 18 for hearing. (NAN)

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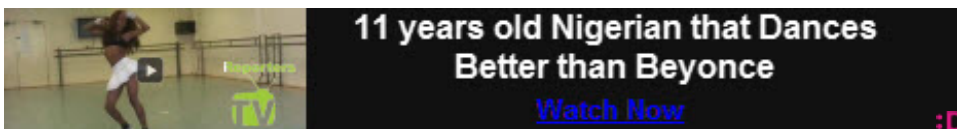
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