

Death of 3-year-old girl lands tipper driver in court

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A 38-year-old tipper driver, IKechuwu Eze of Niger State, has been arraigned before an Abuja Magistrate's Court over alleged reckless driving that resulted in the death of a 3-year-old girl at Kubwa in Bwari Area Council of the FCT.

The police prosecutor, Lukas Ephraim, told the court that one Iheke Ogbaju of Byazhin across Kubwa, complained at the Kubwa Police Station of how the accused drove his truck recklessly and in the process cut a wire belonging to then Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN). He said the accused, in a rash manner, neglected to fix it or cause the wire to be re-installed, which led to the death of the 3-year-old girl.

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

Magistrate Mohammed Kutigi granted him bail in the sum of N100,000 with two reasonable sureties in like sum, adding that one of them must be a civil servant not below Grade Level 07 and that both must reside within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to July 7 for hearing.