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Tanker driver remanded for killing motorcyclist

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An Osun magistrates' court sitting in Ile-Ife yesterday remanded a tipper lorry driver in prison for allegedly killing a motorcyclist.

The magistrate, Mr Olalekan Ijiyode, ordered that the accused, Makinde Mutairu, 35, be remanded in prison custody pending the consideration of his bail application.

The prosecutor, Insp. Emmanuel Abdullahi, told the court that the accused on Jan 13, 2018, knocked down and killed the motorcyclist at Akeredolu village near Ile-Ife.

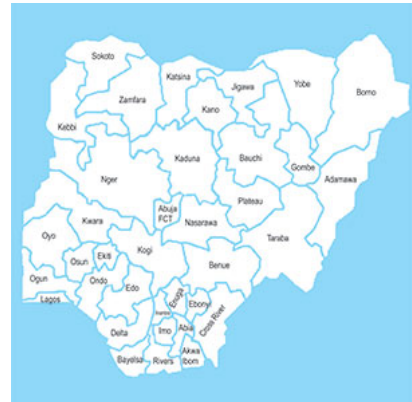
According to him, the accused drove a Bedford lorry dangerously on a public highway and without a driver's licence. The prosecutor explained that the accused, through reckless driving, crashed into one Simeon Okechukwu, while on a motorcycle resulting in the death of a passenger, one Bukola Okechukwu. (NAN)

Abdullahi said that the offence contravened Sections 4, 18 (1) of the Criminal Code Law of Osun, 2002.

The accused pleaded guilty to a count of manslaughter and not guilty to counts of reckless driving without driving licence and damages.

The case was adjourned until Feb. 22, for hearing. (NAN)

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