

# Court remands driver for allegedly crushing motorcyclist, 2 students to death

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An Ile-Ife Magistrates' Court in Osun, yesterday ordered that a driver, Harrison Chatchi, who allegedly drove his truck in a reckless manner, killing a motorcyclist and two students, be remanded in a correctional facility, pending bail application.

Chatchi is charged with driving against traffic law, reckless driving, manslaughter and criminal damage.

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The Magistrate, Mr Olukunle Owolawi, ordered the defence counsel to file a written application for bail. Owolawi adjourned the case until Oct. 31, for mention.

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Earlier, the prosecution counsel, Insp. Sunday Osanyintuyi, told the court that the defendant committed the offence on Sept 2, around 12. 30 p.m. at RCC Junction, OSU expressway, Ile-Ife.

Osanyintuyi alleged that the defendant, being the driver in-charge of one Luxurious bus with Reg No: AAA 454 XW drove against traffic on a highway and caused the death of a motorcycle rider, Sunday Oyemakinwa, 35.

He alleged that the defendant also caused the death of two passengers who were to write their Post-UTME exam on Sept 2 at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

The prosecution said that the offence contravened the provisions of Sections 4, 6 (10), 18 and 78(1) of the Road Traffic Law, Osun, 2002. The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty.(NAN)

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