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Herbalist jailed six months for cheating

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

AN Upper Area Court sitting in Gwagwalada last Thursday sentenced a 25-year-old herbalist, Ibrahim Lati, to six months imprisonment for cheating on one Segun Apata.

Judge Adamu Wakili however gave the herbalist a N3,000 fine option.

Police prosecutor, Inspector Modupe Musa, had told the court that the complainant, who is a recharge card seller, was deceived under the influence of charms to the accused person's apartment, where N13,000 was collected from him to cleanse him from spiritual attacks from his family on March 25.

He said the complainant deposited N3,000 as part payment to the accused after performing the first phase of the cleansing, while N10,000 was later paid to him, adding that the accused reported the case to the police after realising himself on March 29.

According to him, N10,000 was recovered from the accused during police investigation.

The accused who earlier denied the charges during his first arraignment on April 1, admitted the crime last Thursday and was sentenced.

Auto crash claims 9 at Kwali

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NINE persons lost their lives while 15 others sustained various degrees of injuries in the wee hours of Saturday, when an 18-seater commercial bus crashed into a Honda car near RCC junction, along Kwali-Lokoja road.

A witness said the accident happened when the bus with registration number XB 972 KZR overtook another vehicle at a sharp bend and collided with a Honda Civic car with registration number AA 861 KRN, which caught fire.

The witness said six passengers inside the bus were burnt to death, while three persons inside the Honda car died as a result of the accident.

According to him, officials of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) evacuate victims to the hospital.

Our reporter who visited the scene at about 7:12 am Sunday,

observed FRSC officials struggling to remove burnt corpses from inside the mangled bus.

Some of passengers that escaped with minor injuries said the bus was conveying passengers, mostly Hausa traders, who were heading to Kano when the accident occurred.

Commenting on the accident, Yangoji FRSC unit Commander, Abdullahi Umar, attributed its cause to speed limit violation, adding that the corpses are at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's morgue, while the injured are at Kwali General Hospital.

The commander further disclosed that three persons sustained injuries in another accident that occurred at Yangoji village, on the same day.

He said the accident which happened at 7:48 am, involved an Hiace bus with registration number XT 856 BEN that rammed into a Golf car.

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