

Pastor Docked For Killing Soldiers

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A 44-year-old pastor of a pentecostal church, Ademola Adekunle was yesterday arraigned at an Osun State Magistrates' Court sitting in Osogbo for allegedly killing two officers of the Nigerian Army Engineering Construction Regiment, Ede, Osun State while driving.

According to the police prosecutor, Inspector Fagboyinbo Abiodun, the accused on September 13, 2013 at about 7:30pm along Ede road, Aerodrome main gate area, Ido-Osun, caused the death of the two soldiers while driving a Peugeot space wagon with registration number LAGOS GQ 378 AAA in a dangerous manner.

The deceased officers are Lance Corporal Mohammed Ibrahim aged 34 and Corporal Salisu Ibrahim, 28, of the Nigerian Army Engineering Construction Regiment, Ede.

It was gathered that the two officers were buried at the cemetery of the army barracks in Ede after autopsy was carried out on them.

The prosecutor informed the court that the accused who was on his way from the prayer ground crushed the two soldiers to death thereby committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Reg. 78, RTR, Cap 113, Volume V, Laws of Osun State of Nigeria, 2003.

The accused however pleaded not guilty to the one count-charge of manslaughter preferred against him and his counsel, Mr. Clement Tanimoshe, prayed the court to commit him to bail contending that the deceased soldiers were drunk while riding a motorcycle.

He stressed that the accused person having pleaded not guilty is presumed innocent of the alleged offence until the contrary is reasonably proved in court.

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