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Homicide: Truck Driver, 30, Docked For Killing Commuter

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A 30-year-old driver, Aminu Mustapha of Angwa Dankar, Zaria, Kaduna State has been dragged before an Ilorin Magistrate's court for causing death by dangerous driving.

The alleged offence contravenes Section 23 of the Road Traffic Laws Of Kwara State.

According to the police First Information Report (FIR), the accused in charge of truck with the registration number LAR 227 XA drove his vehicle dangerously without due care and attention at Iyana Oko along Ajease-Ipo road, Ilorin having no regard to the nature, circumstances and traffic expected to be on the road.

"As a result of your dangerous driving, you hit a Mazda bus with registration number XE 662 FFA driven by one Odo Marufu of Kwara state and one of the passengers inside the bus, Mr. Wale AbdulAzeez Shittu died on the spot," the

FIR added.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Mojisola Olamokun did not however object to the bail of the accused but left it to the discretion of the court.

Counsel to the accused, Solomon Olorukooba argued that even in capital offence, the court is allowed to exercise its discretion on the issue of bail citing section 36(5) adding that the FIR no matter how expertly drafted can only be seen as speculation in the eye of the court.

He said the accused volunteered himself after the incident and did not abuse the police bail he had earlier enjoyed.

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