

## DEATH: Driver Bags 120 Hours Of Community Service

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An Abule Egba Magistrates' Court in Lagos State on Wednesday sentenced a driver who caused the death of a teenager through reckless driving to 120 hours of community service.

The Senior Magistrate, Mr Tajudeen Elias, sentenced 34-year-old Akeem Morain, who caused the death of a 16-year-old pedestrian on March 31.

Elias held that the family of the deceased applied to withdraw the case from court and had not been present in the court since the application.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the convict who lives at Baale Compound, Ikola Ilumo, Ipaja, a Lagos suburb, was arraigned on April 8, on a two-count charge of reckless driving and causing a pedestrian's death and he pleaded not guilty and was granted bail but could not meet the bail conditions.

The Prosecutor, Insp Rachael Williams, had told the court that the driver caused the death at Fatolu Bus Stop, Ipaja Road, Lagos State.

"The girl was on her way home when the convict, who was speeding, lost control of his vehicle and hit her. The girl lost so much blood and later died in a hospital," she said.

The prosecutor said that the offences contravened Sections 27 and 29 (1) of the Road Traffic Act.