

THE COURT ORDERED THE SURETIES TO DEPOSIT N200,000 IN THE ACCOUNT OF THE COURT'S CHIEF REGISTRAR AND ADJOURNED TILL AUGUST 30.

Driver gets N2m bail for tricyclist's death

By Robert Egbe

A COMMERCIAL bus driver, Hakeem Kolawole, yesterday appeared before an Igboere Magistrates' Court yesterday for allegedly driving recklessly on a highway and causing the death of a tricycle operator. Magistrate B.A Sonuga granted him N2million bail, with two sureties in the like sum.

Kolawole, 40, pleaded not guilty to a three-count charge of reckless driving, manslaughter and damage to a tricycle.

Prosecuting Inspector Ingobo Emby said the defendant committed the offence on June 8, around 6pm at Kofo Abayomi Street on Victoria Island, Lagos.

He alleged that Kolawole drove a Volkswagen LT Bus with registration number EKY 529 XH, recklessly.

"In the course of the reckless driving, he caused the death of one Friday Ezeh, 35, who was driving a tricycle," Emby said.

He added that the defendant while driving his vehicle in a negligent manner and "in a speed above the stipulated limit," also damaged the deceased's tricycle.

Kolawole denied the charge.

His counsel, Mr Johnson Adeola, urged the court to grant his client bail on liberal terms.

Magistrate Sonuga adjourned till July 7.

Court rules on engineer's bail