

LAGBUS, danfo drivers charged with death of nursing mom, woman

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Two drivers were yesterday arraigned before two magistrate's courts in Lagos for alleged reckless driving and manslaughter.

They are Adegbenga Adebayo, a driver with LAGBUS Asset Management Company, and Aderemi Akinlabi, a *danfo* driver.

Adebayo was arraigned before an Ogudu Magistrate's Court for allegedly killing a nursing mother, Mrs Gloria Okafor, 36; Akinlabi was docked before an Ebute Meta Chief Magistrate's Court for allegedly causing the death of a 26-year old woman, Damilola Ismail.

Prosecuting Police Sergeant Ihiehie Lucky said Adebayo, 48, of Igbocho in Ikorodu committed the offence on July 1 at Ilele Bus Stop, Ketu.

He said the accident, involving a LAGBUS bus with code: A030 and marked KTU 236 XX, was reported at the Ketu Police Station.

Lucky said the late Mrs Okafor was crossing the road when the accident occurred.

"The accident occurred in the early hours of July 1, when the driver, allegedly had a brake failure and knocked-down the deceased.

"The deceased was rushed to hospital for treatment where she died after two days," Lucky said.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the bus was impounded and kept at the police station while the body was deposited at the Victoria Island General Hospital Mortuary, for autopsy.

According to the prosecutor, the offence contravened Schedules 19(1), 1(45) and 20 of The Lagos State Road Traffic Law, 2012.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate O. Sule-Amzat granted the accused N200, 000 bail with two sureties in the like sum.

She ordered the sureties to show evidence of being gainfully employed and adjourned till October 4.

Akinlabi, 34, also pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

Prosecuting Inspector Cousin Adams told the court that the accused committed the offence on July 14 at 4pm along Murtala Muhammed Way, Ebute Meta.

"Akinlabi, a bus driver in charge of a Leyland bus marked KSF 04 XK, is alleged to have been reckless in his driving and knocked-down one Damilola Ismail, now deceased.

“The offence contravened Section 18 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011,” he said.

Magistrate B.O. Olajuwon granted him a N200, 000 bail with two sureties in like sum.

She adjourned the case till August 17, pending the receipt of legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPPs).