

'Reckless' driver 'kills' boy

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A 49-year-old driver, Kazeem Adesokan, who allegedly knocked down a one-year-old boy, has been brought before an Ikeja Magistrates' Court.

Adesokan, who lives at 10, Jesuwame Street, Shibiri, Lagos, is facing a two-count charge of manslaughter and reckless driving.

Prosecuting Sergeant Michael Unah told the court that accused committed the offence around 7.30 a.m. on Tinubu Close, Palmgroove, Ilupeju, Lagos.

"Adesokan drove a Toyota Hilux Pickup van with marked KRD 530 BT in a reckless and dangerous manner.

"The accused drove the pickup in a reckless manner and caused the death of a one-year-old boy simply identified as Abdulrahman Alhaji.

"Adesokan, who reversed his pickup without checking if someone was at the back, knocked down the one-year-old boy.

"As a result of the accused's recklessness, the boy died instantly," Unah said.

He said the offence contravened Sections 18, 19 and 20 of the State Road Traffic Law.

Magistrate A. O Gbajumo granted the accused N100, 000 bail with two sureties in the like sum.

Gbajumo said the two sureties must be gainfully employed and should show evidence of two years' tax payment to the Lagos State Government.

She adjourned the case till February 27.