Bus driver 'kills' bride in waiting

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A 52-year-old bus driver was yesterday brought before an Ikeja Magistrates' Court for allegedly driving in a reckless manner and causing the death of a bride in waiting, Destiny Yahaya.

Atake Benjamin is facing a two-count charge of reckless driving and manslaughter.

Prosecuting Inspector Benson Emuerhi said the accused on May 24 at 8.30p.m on Kunle Akinosho Street, Oshodi, Lagos, drove in a dangerous manner, causing the death of Yahya, 23.

"Benjamin, the driver of a Tata commercial bus marked KTU 823 XW, while on high speed, hit the deceased from behind. The accused, while trying to reverse the bus without care, hit Yahya. She sustained head injuries, but was later confirmed dead in the hospital," Emuerhi said.

The offences contravene Sections 167(1) and 20 of the Road Traffic Law of Lagos State, 2012.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate O. Sule-Amzat granted the accused N50, 000 bail with two sureties in the like sum, one of whom must be a relative.

Sule-Amzat adjourned till July 30.

She ordered that the case file be duplicated and sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).