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One dead, two injured as tricycle rams into truck

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A Tinubu Magistrates' Court yesterday heard that a passenger died, while two others were injured when a tricycle rammed into a stationary truck at Ajah near Lekki, Lagos last December.

The police told Magistrate A.M. Olumide-Fusika that the truck driver, Mr. Sesan Koiki, did not warn road users of the broken down vehicle.

Koiki, 29, was arraigned on a two-count charge of driving on the highway without a valid driver's licence and failure to display reflective caution signs.

Prosecuting Inspector Ben Ekundayo alleged that Koiki committed the offence at Pump and Sell, Ajah Road, in Eti-Osa Local Government around 10pm.

The court heard that the defendant, who drove a Mack truck with number plate AAA 148 XD caused the death of John Aboti because he failed to place a reflective caution sign to alert people of his broken down vehicle.

Ekundayo said: "The driver left the truck which broke down in the middle of the road at night without placing any warning sign on the road to alert other road users.

"The tricycle which the late Aboti boarded rammed into the truck because the tricycle operator did not see the truck in the middle of the road in time. The deceased sat in the front.

"He died on the spot, while the tricycle operator and one other passenger at the back sustained injuries."

The prosecutor said the offence contravened sections 7, 20 and 42 of the Road Traffic Act of Lagos State, 2012.

Koiki pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Olumide-Fusika granted him N100,000 bail with two sureties in the like sum.

The case resumes tomorrow.

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