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BRT driver 'kills woman, 25'

Another held for 'kidnapping' housewife



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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) driver, Theophilus Nsofor, was on Wednesday arraigned before an Ikeja Magistrates' Court for allegedly killing a 25-year-old woman, Blessing Philip.

Nsofor, who lives in Ijoko area of Ogun State, is facing a three-count charge of reckless driving, manslaughter and driving without particulars before Magistrate, Mrs M.I. Dan-Oni .

Prosecuting Inspector Victor Eruada said Nsofor committed the offence on May 27, at Iyana-Ipaja by Danco Filling Station, Lagos.

Eruada alleged that the defendant, who drove a BRT bus marked JJJ 152 XL, drove recklessly and caused the death of the woman.

According to him, Nsofor drove on the public highway without a driver's license, vehicle license, certificates of roadworthiness and insurance.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Dan-Oni granted him N100,000 bail with one surety in the like sum.

She ordered that the surety must be gainfully employed and possess evidence of tax payment to the Lagos State Government.

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She adjourned till July 24.

Also yesterday, a 21- year-old driver, Innocent Rufus was before an Ikeja Magistrates' Court for allegedly kidnapping a woman and demanding N1million ransom.

Rufus is charged with conspiracy, kidnapping and threat to life.

Eruada said the defendant committed the offence on May 21 around 9pm at Kofoworola Street, Okupe Estate, Maryland, Lagos.

He said the defendant conspired to kidnap a housewife, Mrs Margaret Barovbe and demand N1 million from her family.

Eruada also alleged that Rufus threatened to kill Barovbe's husband if he failed to pay the ransom.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Dan-On granted him N100,000 bail two sureties in the like sum.

She adjourned till July 11.



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