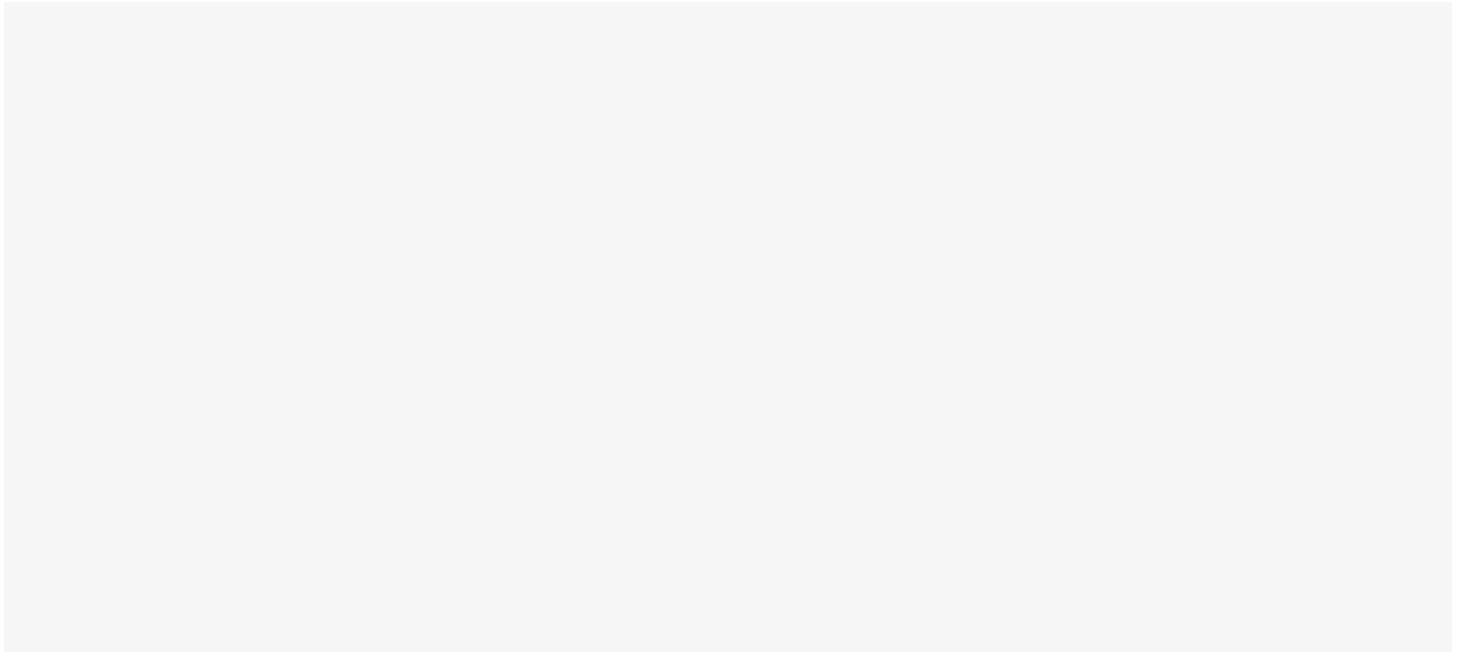


Motorist charged with killing LAWMA sweeper



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A middle-aged mechanic, Chukwudi Nwite, on Tuesday appeared at an Ikeja Magistrates' Court for allegedly killing a 32-year-old sweeper with the Lagos State Waste Management Agency (LAWMA).

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the two-count charge of reckless driving and manslaughter.

Prosecuting Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Benson Emuerhi said the defendant committed the offence on May 29, at Raji Crescent, Baruwa, Ipaja.

"Nwite drove a Toyota Highlander Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) with number-plate ABJ 296 DG recklessly, causing the death of Abel Awe, a LAWMA road sweeper," he said.

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Emuerhi said the defendant was reversing the vehicle and in the process the deceased was crushed.

"A team of traffic officers on the scene of the accident took the victim to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja before he was later confirmed dead," he said.

Chief Magistrate Olufunke Sule-Amzat granted the defendant N200,000 bail with two sureties in the like sum.

She said one of the sureties must be a relation, employed, and show evidence of tax payment to the Lagos State Government.

She adjourned till October 21.



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