

Driver arraigned for killing 3 persons

A 42-year-old commercial bus driver, Mohammed Ibrahim, has been arraigned before a Lokoja Chief Magistrate's Court for killing three persons due to dangerous driving.

Ibrahim of Oludase Street, Owo, Ondo State is being charged with "causing death by dangerous driving" contrary to section 23 of the Road Traffic Law.

Driving a Toyota Hiace bus with registration number ONDO XE 634 NND on August 16, along Lokoja-Abuja highway, the accused allegedly collided with a Peugeot 505 station wagon EDO AG 577 URM at Akpanya along the

highway.

The driver of the Peugeot 505, Andrew Benson of Uromi, Edo and one other passenger died on the spot, while seven others who sustained injuries were rushed to Ideal Hospital, Koton-Karfe for treatment.

Prosecution also said that one Aduke Olarenwaju, a female passenger in the car later died at the hospital.

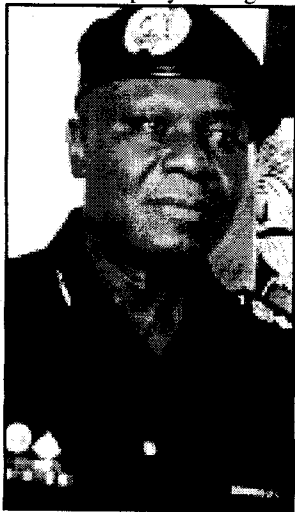
When the case was mentioned, the prosecuting police officer, Mr Paul Elaigwu, said investigation into the case was in progress.

He said the case file would be sent to the state's Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice.

In his ruling, the Chief Magistrate, Mr Sam Atsumbe, said there was no doubt that the accident was a fatal one, but that he would use his discretion in granting bail to the accused.

Atsumbe, therefore, granted bail to the accused in the sum of 25,000 Naira with a surety in like sum.

He said that the surety must be resident within the jurisdiction of the court and adjourned the case to October 17.



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