2 arraigned over murder charge

TWO persons yesterday appeared before an Ibadan chief magistrate's court charged with murder.

The police prosecutor told the court that Isiaka Kareem, 28 set ablaze one Taiye Akinpeleyin, thereby committing the offence.

Also in court was Tijani Taiwo, 30 who was arraigned on a two-count charge of manslaughter and reckless driving.

Kareem, the prosecutor said, conspired with one other person, now at large, to pour petrol and set the deceased on fire.

The court heard that Taiwo drove his Toyota pick-up van recklessly thus hitting one Kayode Afolabi, leading to the victim's death on March 11 at Ijokodo, Ibadan.

Chief Magistrate Olaide Quadri took no plea owing to lack of jurisdiction but adjourned Kareem's case to June 6 while that of Taiwo was adjourned to June 18.

He granted bail to Taiwo with two sureties who were to pay 100, 000 Naira each.