

Truck driver charged for manslaughter

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A 43-year-old driver, Adebayo Akeem was on Tuesday arraigned before an Igbosere Magistrate's Court for allegedly killing one Shakiru Adio.

The defendant who resides at 28, Oranyan Street, Ibadan, Oyo State is facing a two-count charge of negligence and manslaughter preferred against him by the police.

On the day of the incident, Adebayo allegedly drove a one MAN diesel truck with registration number XS223 AGL without having regard to other road users.

According to the prosecutor, Inspector Philip Osijale, the incident took place at Obalende round about area of Lagos State.

Osijale stated that the driver, who drove the vehicle without regard to traffic regulation, caused the death of one Shakiru Adio, who resides at 51, Kakawa Street in Lagos Island.

According to the prosecutor the offences committed is punishable under sections 19 (1) and 20 of Lagos State Traffic Laws 2012.

However, the defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

Counsel to the defendant, Mrs M. G Lawani, urged the court to admit the defendant to bail in the most liberal term.

Presiding Magistrate Owumi Martins granted the defendant bail in the sum of N200,000, with two sureties in like sum.

She said that the sureties

must show evidence of three years' tax payment clearance to Lagos State; one must be a blood relation, with addresses to be verified by the court registrar.

She further added that the case file should be duplicated for legal advice from Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

The matter was further adjourned till September 15, for mention.