

## 2 'Nurse', doctor arraigned over death of patient

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A self-styled nurse identified as Abdulkareem Shehu, and a Medical Doctor, Dr. Farajimakin Olugbenga, were on Tuesday arraigned before an Ikeja High Court, Lagos for allegedly causing the death of their patient, one Eunice Omokhudu.

The accused person, who both pleaded not guilty, were arraigned on a three-count of involuntary manslaughter, gross negligence and reckless disregard for human life.

The prosecuting officer, M.T Adewoye, told the court that the incident occurred on June 5, 2016 at 14, William Akintunde

Street, Abule Egba, Lagos.

According to the charge, Shehu illegally portrayed himself as medical doctor and operated a clinic, Glorious Mercy Clinic, which was not duly registered.

It was further stated that Shehu admitted patients into his clinic and often times requested for his friend, Dr Olugbenga's assistance in running tests and other medical check-ups on admitted patients.

It was also learnt that Shehu admitted the deceased into his clinic where she died in connection with an undisclosed ailment.

He was reported to have issued a false statement

for the purpose of registration of death regarding the deceased.

However, the second defendant, Olugbenga, said to be former medical doctor at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, claimed in his statement that he was unaware that Shehu was not a doctor or nurse.

He stated that he only assisted him as a friend in the same profession.

The trial judge, Justice Hakeem Oshodi, however, permitted the defendants to continue with the bail term which was granted them by a Magistrates Court, Lagos.

The matter was adjourned till November 27.