rity, and discharges his duties to the best of his ability, then people will appreciate them." tion rifles into the country.

The alleged smugglers, whose bail applications were refused, are Ayogu The businessmen were arrested by the men of Nigeria Customs Services (NCS).

The said pump-action rifles were allegedly con-

and Customs Form M, which they used in allegedly smuggling the rifles into the country.

During their arraignment,

Two die as fuel tanker loses brake, rams into trucks in Ondo

HAKEEM GBADAMOSI - AKURE

AT least two persons were confirmed dead, while five others sustained various degrees of injuries when a tanker driver lost control of the vehicle and rammed into other vehicles in Ondo State.

The incident occurred

around Shasha market, along Akure/Owo Road early on Wednesday

According to an eyewitness, the driver of the tanker loaded with petroleum product lost control of the vehicle and rammed into two other articulated vehicles.

The eyewitness said the two people died on the spot, while five others were injured and were taken to the hospital in Akure.

Confirming the development, the Deputy Sector Commander of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Mr Olusegun Ogungbemide, said the accident was caused by brake failure.

Ogungbemide said "there was a crash this morning at Shasha Market involving a tanker and two other vehicles.

"We got information that a tanker had a brake failure and hit a vehicle and entered into a filling station while the other truck, in trying to avoid the tanker, ran into an opposite filling station.

"Two people died at a spot while five injured were rushed to a hospital in Akure." the prosecutor, Mr. Ju Ajakaiye, a Deputy Dire in the Federal Ministry Justice, are contrary to a punishable under Secti 3(6), 1(14)(a), 1(14)(a), 1(2)(c) of the Miscellaneo Offences Act Cap. M. Laws of the Federation Nigeria, 2004.

They both pleaded r guilty to the charge.

Ruling on the bail applications of the defendants, Just Salisu Saidu said: "individu liberty cannot be placed about national security."

"The charges against the defendants are considered