

Motorcyclist arraigned for dangerous driving, killing

A commercial motorcyclist, Abdul Kadir, 23, was on Wednesday arraigned before an Igbosere Magistrate's Court in Lagos, for causing the death of a pedestrian

Kadiri had appeared before the Magistrate, Ms. A.O. Ali-Balogun, on a four-count charge of riding dangerously on the highway, killing, riding without licence and insurance certificate.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* also reported that the prosecutor, Mr. George Nwosu, said the accused had on November 21, 2009 at Adeyemo Alakija Street, Victoria Island rode his motorcycle marked QQ 803 LND dangerously.

"The accused on the said date rode his motorcycle in a negligent manner and without due care, knocked down one Andrew Maji, killing him in the process," Nwosu said.

He added the accused also rode the motorcycle without either a driving licence.

Nwosu said the motorcycle was also without an insurance

certificate as at the time of the incident.

According to him, the offence is contrary sections 28(1), 29(1), 7(1), 5, and 32(2) of the Road Traffic Laws of Lagos 2003.

The accused, however, pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges when they were read to him.

The lawyer to the accused,

Mr. Mustapha Ayinde, applied for bail in liberal terms, saying that his client was presumed innocent until proven otherwise.

He cited section 36(5) of the 1999 Constitution to back his application.

Ali-Balogun granted bail to the accused on N200,000 with two sureties and adjourned the case till December 14.

Boy, 18, in court for defiling 11-year-old girl

AN 18-year-old applicant, Mr. Arneh Joseph, was on Wednesday arraigned before an Ejigbo Magistrate's Court in Lagos for allegedly defiling 11-year-old girl.

The *News Agency of Nigeria*, however, reported that Joseph pleaded 'not guilty' to the one-count charge of having canal knowledge of the girl without her consent.

The prosecutor, Mr. Olakunle Shonibare, told the court that the applicant committed the offence on November 15 at about 5.45pm at Sanctuary Street

Akesan, Ejigbo in Lagos.

He added that the offence was punishable under Section 218 of the Criminal Code Cap C17, Vol. 2 of Law of Lagos State, 2003.

The Magistrate, Mrs Maimunat Folami, granted bail to the accused in the sum of N150,000 with two sureties and adjourned the case till December 14.

She said that one of the sureties must be a blood relation of the defendant.

The case was adjourned till December 14.