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A truck driver, Ahmed Fatai, has been arraigned at the Lagos State Magistrates' Court, Igbosere, for allegedly killing a commercial tricyclist, Kasheem Tijani.

Fatai, 28, and a resident of Majiduralami Street, Ikorodu, faced two counts of reckless driving and causing the death of the tricycle driver.

Fatai was apprehended by the police after his truck collided with Tijani's tricycle and killed him on June 29, 2013.

The Investigating Police Officer, Inspector Godwin Onukwu, told the court that his station was informed of the incident, via phone call, by a witness.

The charge read in part, "That you, Ahmed Fatai 'm' on June 29, 2013 at about 4pm at Turnbull Road, Ikoyi, being the driver-in-charge of a Ford Truck with license number FP 303 JJJ drove on the public highway in a dangerous manner without having regard to all circumstance, nature and the amount of traffic which is expected to be on the highway at that time and caused the death of one tricycle driver, Kasheem Tijani 'm', and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 18, Lagos State Road Traffic Law, 2012."

Fatai pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Fatai's lawyer, Mr. Boyede Ogun, said, "The complainant, Abdulahi Muazu, a relative of requested not to pursue this case."

The presiding magistrate, Mrs. C.J. Momoh, cautioned the defense lawyer. She said, "Is it to be announced by the prosecutor?"

A prosecutor, Mr. C.L. Odii, held brief in the absence of the substantive prosecutor. Odii requested of not pursuing the case in court to the discretion of this honourable court. It is a mere accident and they wish to settle out of court."

But Momoh said the court would rather listen to the Director of Public Prosecution's advice on the case.

She said, "We cannot address settlement out of court. A case of manslaughter is a serious crime that requires DPP's advice."

Momoh set bail at N200, 000 with a surety who had complete income tax record with Lagos State. She adjourned the case till August 15, 2013.

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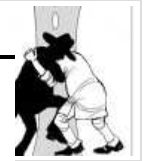
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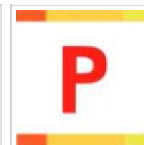
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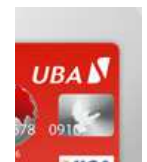
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