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Wahab

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A 37-year-old man, Omosebi Adekunle, has been arraigned by the police before an Ojokoro Magistrate's Court for allegedly hitting a motorcycle belonging to one Alimi Wahab on May 31, 2014.

The police said Wahab, a commercial rider, lost his life to the accident in addition to the damage done to his motorcycle.

It was learnt that Adekunle, the driver of a Toyota Highlander Jeep, had comported himself in a reckless manner while plying 7/11 Oladun Road off LASU/Isheri Road in Idimu area of Lagos before he rammed into Wahab's motorcycle.

When our correspondent visited the victim's residence, a few kilometers away from the scene of the accident, his family members lamented his untimely death. They said it was painful the Oyo State indigene could not live to cater for his wife and one-year-old baby.

"Wahab's death is shocking. It is just very hard to take. His wife just gave birth to a baby last year. It is very unfortunate that he could not take care of the baby and his mother. The child will only know his dad on picture," Mr. Tijani Jelili, Wahab's uncle, said.

Recounting the incident, a brother to the deceased, who identified himself simply as Kehinde, told *PUNCH Metro* that the father-of-one would not have worked on that day if there had been power supply.

"He had decided not to work that day. He was sleeping at home but because there was no light, the room was warm. He changed his decision. He was coming back from his first trip when a jeep hit him. He hit his head on an electric poll and started bleeding. We rushed him to a general hospital, but we eventually lost him after some hours," Kehinde said.

The defendant was charged on three counts bordering on recklessness before a magistrate, Mrs. T. Akani.

The charges read in part, "That you Omosebi Adekunle, on May 31, 2014, at about 5.20pm on 7/11 Oladun Road, off LASU/Isheri Road, Council Bus Stop, Idimu, in the Lagos Magisterial District, being the driver of one Toyota Highlander Jeep, marked KSF 619 AU, did drive same vehicle on the public highway in a dangerous manner without due care and attention for other road users and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 28 of RTA CAP 124 Vol.6 Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2011.

"That you on the same date and place in the aforementioned Magisterial District did drive same vehicle on the public highway in a reckless manner, hit and caused the death of one Alimi Wahab, 36, and thereby committed an offence contrary under Section 45 of RTA CAP 124 Vol.6 Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2011.

The accused, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

He was granted bail in the sum of N200, 000 with a gainfully employed and responsible surety in like sum.

The case was adjourned till July 7, 2014.



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