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Police charge other with causing death through recklessness

The police early in the week arraigned a commercial motorcyclist, Mr. Istifanus Markus, in a Mararaba Chief Magistrate's Court.

Markus, 20, who resides near Jemil Motors in Nyanya, the Federal Capital Territory, was charged with causing death by riding his motorcycle in a dangerous manner.

The prosecutor, Mr. Samuel Okoro, told the court that Markus committed the offence on January 16, 2013 at about 7.45 p.m. opposite City Rock Hotel on Abuja-Keffi Highway in Mararaba.

Okoro said Markus was speeding and riding his motorcycle without particulars, number plate and regard for other road users.

He said as result of his recklessness, the accused caused the death of a pedestrian whose name and address had yet to be known.

Okoro said the accused thereby committed offences contrary to sections 22, 23, 28 and 62 of the Road Traffic Law.

The accused, who had no legal representative, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The magistrate, Mr. Habila Abundaga, adjourned the matter till August 12 and asked the accused to bring a lawyer on the next adjourned date to defend him.

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