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## Police arraign driver for crushing boy to death

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The police have arraigned a 35-year-old truck driver, Isiaka Kareem, for allegedly crushing a nine-year-old boy to death in the Alapere, Ketu area of Lagos while driving recklessly.

Kareem is standing trial on two counts of manslaughter and breaking traffic laws before an Ogudu Magistrate's Court in Lagos.

The accused person was reported to have crushed nine-year-old Posu Abodunrin to death, while the boy was crossing the road on September 30, 2014.

It was alleged that the accused was driving recklessly on the road and carelessly overtook a vehicle in front of him and hit the boy in the process.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the accident took place around 10.30pm at Owoade junction, Alapere Estate Road.

The charges read, "That you Isiaka Kareem, 35 at about 10.30pm on September 30, 2014 at Owoade junction, Alapere Estate Road, Lagos in the Lagos Magisterial District, being the driver of one Nissan Casta truck, with registration number BDG 447 XK, drove same on the public highway in a dangerous manner having no regard for the circumstances and the nature of the road and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 18 of the Road Traffic Laws of Lagos State, 2012.

"That you, Isiaka Kareem, on the same date, drove in a dangerous manner having no regards to all circumstances and the nature of the road and caused the death of one Posu Abodunrin, 9, contrary to Section 20(4) of the Road Traffic Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2012".

The accused person, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges. The magistrate, Mrs O. Amope, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N250, 000 with two sureties in like sum.

She said the sureties must be gainfully employed and tender their evidence of tax payment, adding that they must include their addresses.

The matter was adjourned till

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