

Tanker driver in court for crushing woman to death

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A 52-year-old tanker driver, Ebenezer Coffie, has been arraigned before the Ogba Magistrates' Court sitting in the Ikeja area of Lagos State for dangerous driving.

He was accused of driving a Bedford tanker with number plate LSR 584 XG in a dangerous manner, therefore, causing the death of one Mrs Agbonavare Osarieme in the Ipaja area of Lagos State.

Coffie, who was arraigned on Tuesday before Magistrate E. Kubenje, is facing three-count bordering on dangerous driving and killing preferred against him by the police.

The police prosecutor, DSP K. Ajayi, told the court that the defendant committed the offence in the Ipaja area of Lagos State.

According to the prosecutor, the offence committed is punishable under Section 12 A162, No 9 of the Transport Sector Reform Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2021.

The charge sheet read, "That you, Ebenezer Coffie of No 11,

Odimu road, Moshalashi Bus Stop, Alimosho, Lagos State, on March 16, 2023, around 4.10pm along Ipaja Road, Lagos State in the magisterial district, being the driver in charge of one Bedford tanker registration No LSR 584 XG drove the vehicle on the public highway in a manner dangerous to other road users and Transport Sector Reform Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2021

"That you, Ebenezer Coffie, on the same date, time and place in the aforementioned magisterial district drove the same vehicle on the public highway and caused the death of one Mrs Agbonavare Osarieme of No. 2 Ogunbade Street, Ipaja, Lagos State and thereby committed an offence contrary to Transport Sector Reform Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2021.

"That you, Ebenezer Coffie of No.11, Idumu Road, Moshalashi Bus Stop, Alimosho, Lagos State on the same date, time and place in the aforementioned magisterial district drove the same vehicle on the public highway with expired vehicle particulars and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 12 A162, No 9 of the Transport Sector Reform Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2021."