

# Two doctors arraigned for involuntary manslaughter in Lagos

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**T**WO medical doctors, Michael Atiba and Ugbeye Michael, were on Monday arraigned before the Lagos State High Court in Ikeja over the alleged involuntary manslaughter of a patient, Ejiro Ugorobi.

Atiba, a doctor at the Gbagada Hospital, and Michael, a consultant with the National Orthopaedic Hospital, are facing a charge of involuntary manslaughter preferred against them by the Lagos State Government.

The state prosecution counsel, A. O. Azeez, told the court that the offence happened on October 21, 2023.

He said that the incident took place at about 12pm, at No. 20, Michael Adekoya

Street, Ilupeju area of the State.

The prosecutor told the court that Atiba and Michael unlawfully caused the death of one Ejiro Ugorobi by neglecting the application of anaesthetics before surgery and after surgery.

According to the prosecutor, the offence committed contravened Section 224 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015.

However, the duo pleaded not guilty to the charge against them.

Thereafter, Azeez asked the court for a trial date.

He said, "In view of the plea of the defendants, we are asking for a trial date."

Consequently, the judge adjourned the case till May 15, 2024, for trial.