

Driver Charged With Murder

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A driver, Ikechukwu Okonkwo has been arraigned before the Cele Magistrate's Court, Isolo, Lagos for killing a policeman, Corporal Sunday Ikhuoria with his Mack truck with registration number XQ 358 EPE.

He was docked on a two-count charge of dangerous driving and murder.

The prosecutor, Mr. Lucky, told the court that the accused drove on the highway in a manner that is dangerous to the public and caused the death of Corporal Sunday Ikhuoria.

The offences are punishable under Section 27 of the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 124, Vol. 6 and Section 28(1), Cap. 172, Vol. 7 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria.

Count two of the charge reads: "That you, Ikechukwu Okonkwo, 'm' on 30 December, 2009, at 8 p.m. along A p a p a - O s h o d i Expressway by Agunlejika Bus Stop, Ijeshatedo, in the Lagos magisterial district, being the driver of a Mack truck with registration number XQ 358 EPE, drove same on a public highway and caused the death of one Corporal Sunday Ikhuorio 'm' with Force number F/No363335 and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 27 of the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 124, Vol. 6, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 1994.

The accused pleaded not guilty and the presiding magistrate, Mrs. C.T. Adesola Ikpatt granted him bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties in like sum.

The case has been adjourned till 7 March, 2011 for trial.