

Tipper Driver Kills *Okadaman*

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The police in Ota, Ogun State have dragged a sand dealer, Oyeyemi Ajao, 55 before the Ota Chief Magistrate's Court for alleged manslaughter.

The accused was arrested for driving his Austen truck in a dangerous manner and killing a commercial motorcyclist, Jamiu Adebawale at Akinhan Village, Ota along the Lagos-Abeokuta expressway.

The police prosecutor told the Ota Chief Magistrate, Alhaji A. Adenariwo that the accused used his truck to crush the cyclist who was riding his Bajaj motorcycle and others on the road on the day of the incident.

The first charge reads: "That you, Oyeyemi Ajao on 26/6/2011 at Akinhan Village along the Lagos-Abeokuta

expressway in Ota Magisterial District drove a Austin tipper with registration number XB 447 TRE recklessly in a manner dangerous to the public and caused the death of one Jamiu Adebawale, 37, the rider of a Bajaj motorcycle with Reg. No. QT 762 AKD and also caused injury to two passengers, Philip Peter and Andy (surname unknown) and thereby committed an offence contrary to Sections 5, 6 (1) of the Federal Highway Act, Cap.13, Laws of Nigeria, 2004."

When the charges were read to him, he pleaded not guilty and blamed the accident on the deceased for riding his motorbike against the traffic.

He was granted bail in the sum of N150,000 and told to present a sworn affidavit to the police prosecutor.

The matter was adjourned till 6 October, 2011 for mention.