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## Crash: Pastor hands self to police after killing girl

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An Ikeja Magistrates' Court presided over by Mrs. Y. O. Aje-Afunwa, yesterday granted bail to a pastor, Pedro Olajide, who allegedly crushed a girl at Dopemu on Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway and took her to the hospital, where she died.

Olajide, who superintends over a church at Mangoro area of Lagos, reportedly crushed the 18-year-old girl to death last Sunday while on his way to church.

The pastor was led to the court by over 20 members of his church. The incident occurred at Dopemu under bridge about 8 a.m. last Sunday. A witness said the yet-to-beidentified girl, rather than take the pedestrian bridge, attempted to cross the expressway.

The girl was said to have dashed across the road, got to the middle and decided to run back. Olajide's car knocked her down. Olajide was said to have stopped and taken the unconscious girl to the Ikeja General Hospital, where she gave up the ghost. When Olajide realised the girl was dead, he reported himself to Shasha Police Division.

A-three man defence counsel led by Adeyinka Akiola told the court to grant the defendant bail in liberal terms. Akiola said: "The defendant is a man of conscience; he took the deceased to the hospital before she died."

The police said they had been waiting to see if any relatives of the deceased would surface after notices were published. But nobody has come since Sunday to identify her body.

The remains of the girl have been deposited at the Yaba Mainland Hospital mortuary. The prosecutor, Peter Nwangu, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, said the plea for bail would not be objected to, but the case file should be sent for the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP)'s advice.

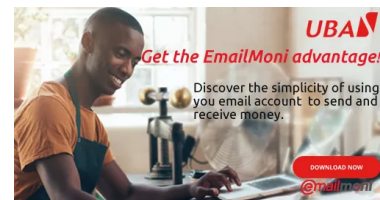
Aje-Afunwa granted the defendant bail in the sum of N400,000, with two sureties in like sum. Each surety must present evidence of identification and residential address.

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"The IPO should duplicate the case file and forward to DPP for advice before the next sitting," she held. The magistrate then adjourned the case till July 10.

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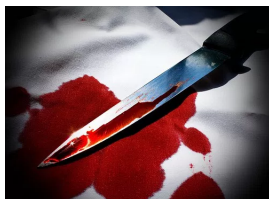
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