

Court determines driver's fate July 24 for killing 2 doctors



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Four years after they were gruesomely murdered in a car accident in Ondo/Ore road, an alleged killer of two medical doctors, Taiwo Suberu will know his fate on July 24.

A Chief Magistrate's Court sitting in Ore, in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State has fixed July 24 for Suberu's definite trial.

Suberu was accused of killing the two medical doctors—Femi Ogunbodede and Olukoju Oluwaseyi Abdulrasaq in an accident that occurred over four years ago.

The court presided over by Mrs. A.B.T. Oyedele fixed the date after she expressed disappointment over continued delay of the trial of the case filed before the court since 2016.

Suberu had on 29th June, 2015, along Ondo/Ore road had an accident which led to the death of the two medical doctors.

However, the case had suffered many adjournments since charges were preferred against the accused, prompting the Magistrate to express worry over the incessant adjournments on the part of the defence counsel, Mr. Yinka Adeyosoye.

Magistrate Oyedele had said that she was ready with the matter on July 24 whether the accused was represented by a lawyer or not.

She, however, counseled the accused person to pay the lawyer his bill if that had been responsible for the absence of the defence lawyer in court.

Suberu was accused by the office of the State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice of reckless driving which led to the death of the 32-year old medical doctors.

The charge filed by Mr Wale Bamisile, a Principal Legal Officer in the Ministry of Justice reads "That you Taiwo Suberu on or about the 29th day of June 2015 at about 9.45a.m. along Ondo/Ore highway at Omifon Ore in Ore Magisterial district being a driver in charge of one Golf car with registration No Ondo NND 506 XA did drive same recklessly and dangerously without having regard to all

circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition, and use of the highway and to the amount of traffic thus causing the death of one Dr. Ogunbodede Femi 'm' aged 32 years and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 18(1) of the Road Traffic Law of Ondo State cap 136 Vol 3 laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

Also, "that you Taiwo Suberu on or about the 29th day of June 2015 at about 9;45 am along Ondo/Ore highway at Omifon Ore in Ore Magisterial district being a driver in charge of one Golf car with registration No Ondo NND 506 XA did drive same recklessly and dangerously having regard to all circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition, and use of the highway and to the amount of traffic thus causing the death of one Dr. Olukoju Oluwaseyi Abdulrasaq 'm' aged 32 years and thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 18(1) of the Road Traffic Law of Ondo State cap 136 Vol 3 laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006."

The charge stated that Suberu dangerously overtook a Toyota Camry car with Registration Lagos LND 417 CU; Dr. Ogunbodede was traveling with causing a fatal accident that led to the death of the two medical doctors who were occupants of the car.

When the case came up for hearing at the weekend, the defence counsel wrote a letter to the court requesting for another date for the hearing of the case.

But prosecution counsel, Bamisile expressed worry that the defence counsel had been coming with one excuse or the other since the hearing of the case started over four years ago.

He said Adeyosoye should have sent a junior in his chamber instead of delaying the trial of the accused person.

The Chief Magistrate in adjourning the case said “since the case started, it has been one story after the other. The counsel supposed to have sent his junior. With or without your lawyer, we will proceed on July 24.

“The defence counsel has been delaying the case. If you have not paid him, go and pay. I won’t tolerate any further adjournment in this case.”

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