

2 drivers arraigned over bus conductor's death

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Lagos—Two commercial bus drivers, who allegedly drove their vehicles recklessly and caused the death of a bus conductor, were, yesterday, charged before an Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court in Lagos.



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The suspects are Monday Johnson, 40, and Michael Teko, 32. They are facing a two-count charge of reckless driving and manslaughter.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Kehinde Olatunde, told the court that the defendants had on Christmas Eve drove their vehicles recklessly on Apapa-Oshodi Expressway, causing the death of one Emeka Ogbu, a bus conductor.

He said: "Johnson, the driver of a Volkswagen bus with number plates LSR 125 XD, suddenly changed lanes to load passengers when Teko, the driver of a Toyota Camry with number plates EPE 160 EV, on high speed, hit the bus from behind.

"Ogbu, the conductor, who was hanging on the bus fell and sustained injuries to the head, but was later confirmed dead in the hospital."

The offences committed are punishable under Sections 19(1) and 20 of the Road Traffic Law of Lagos State, 2012.

The defendants, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The magistrate, Mrs Bola-Williams, granted the duo bail of N500,000 each with two responsible sureties in like sum, one of who must be a blood relation.

She adjourned till February 2, 2018 for mention and ordered that the case file be duplicated and sent to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, DPP, for legal advice.