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Commercial bus driver in court over okadaman's death

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Lagos—A commercial bus driver Alabi Williams, 28, who allegedly drove dangerously and killed a commercial motorcycle (okada) operator, has been charged before an Igbosere Magistrate's court, Lagos.





The defendant is facing a four-count charge of dangerous driving, damage and causing death, preferred against him by the Police.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Godspower Ehizoba, told the court that the defendant, driver of a commercial bus with number plates KTU 34 XN, drove the vehicle in a dangerous manner on public highway.

He said that Williams drove the said vehicle without driver's licence and also caused the death of an okada rider, Patrick Samaila, aged 23.

Ehizoba said the incident happened on August 11, at about 8:15 p.m. at Sandfill Traffic Light Junction, along Lekki-Epe Expressway, Lagos.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

Magistrate M. F. Onamusi granted him N500,000 bail, with two sureties in like sum.

She said the sureties must be employed in a reputable organisation, adding that one of the sureties must be a blood relation to the defendant, who must own a property within the court's jurisdiction.

Onamusi further stated that the sureties must show evidence of tax payment to Lagos State government and have their addresses verified.

She ordered the case file duplicated and sent to the directorate of public prosecution, DPP, for advice and adjourned it till September 26 for mention.

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