

Court remands commercial bus driver for killing 2 in Lagos

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LAGOS—A 21-year-old commercial bus driver, Azeez Saka, who allegedly killed two persons, was remanded in prison custody by an Igboere Magistrate's Court sitting in Tinubu, Lagos, yesterday.

Magistrate T. O. Babalola made the order pending legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecutions, DPP.

Saka, whose residential address was not given, is facing a three-count charge bordering on dangerous driving, neglect of traffic direction and without valid driver's license, preferred against him by the Police.

The prosecutor, Inspector Ajaga Agboko, told the court that the defendant committed the offence on July 22, 2021, at about 10:30 a.m.

He said the incident took place at Carter bridge inward Idumota, Lagos Island.

Agboko said: "Saka, being the driver of one Volkswagen commercial bus, with number plate, LSR 765 XG, drove the same on the public highway in a dangerous manner without attention and consideration for other road users and caused the death of one Peter Agbor, aged 35, and one other person, whose name, age and address is yet unknown."

The prosecutor also said the defendant drove the vehicle in a direction prohibited by law and neglect of traffic direction and caused the death of the two deceased persons.

"The defendant drove the vehicle on the public highway without valid driver's license," Agboko said.

According to the prosecutor, the offence committed is contrary and punishable under Sections 52, 27 schedule 2 and Section 1, schedule 1, road traffic law of Lagos State 2018.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge against him, but his bail was refused as the court ordered that he should be remanded in prison custody.

Magistrate Babalola, however, adjourned the case to August 30, 2021, pending legal advice from DPP.