Court remands driver for allegedly causing death of pedestrian

LAGOS—An Ikeja Chief Magistrates' Court, yesterday, remanded a 37-year-old driver, Ibu Silas, in Kirikiri Prison for allegedly causing the death of a pedestrian.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs M. C. Ayinde refused to listen to Silas' plea. She ordered the police to return the case file to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for legal advice.

The magistrate adjourned the case until August 19.

The suspect, who resides at 3, Alhaji Ajayi St., off Tokotaya Road, Ojodu Berger, was charged with manslaughter.

The prosecution counsel, Inspector Segun Oke, told the court that the offence was committed on July 6, at Oshodi–Mushin Road, Lagos.

Oke told the court that the victim, Mr Benjamin Alagi, 50, was crossing the road when the suspect who drove recklessly, knocked him down, adding that the pedestrian died in a hospital.

The offence, according to him, contravenes Section 52 of the Road Traffic Laws of Lagos State, 2018.