

Sholaja, was arrested alongside two others, Olalekan Benjamin and Samson Shomorin, by police detectives attached to the Igando Police Division and the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Ikeja.

to have kidnapped three children, one from Omole Phase 1, one Kola in Alagbado area and the last one in Owode Ijako, Ogun State and various amounts of money were collected from victims' parents as ransom.

unlucky. I searched the Internet and submitted my CV to several companies but could not find a job. I was frustrated. So, I decided to go into kidnapping. I only demand little ransoms from people."

Generator Fumes Kill Friends

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A Junior Secondary School Student of the Community Secondary School, Swali in Yenagoa local government Area of Bayelsa State, Miss Patience Augustine and her friend, Esther, were last weekend found dead after allegedly inhaling fumes from a generator set.

While the late Patience, 20, was identified as the daughter of a serving police officer in the state and an Indigene of Khana local government area of Rivers State, the late Esther, 35, was said

to be a trader in kerosene and bags of sachet water at the Swali main market. She was an Indigene of Ondewari in Southern Ijaw local government area of the state.

Witnesses told LEADERSHIP yesterday that the two friends left the generator on in the narrow corridor of the house and fell asleep while watching a movie.

According a witness, Ekene John, "unknown to the friends, the exhaust pipe of the generator was blocked by a carton used to prevent rain from falling on it and it must have directed the gener-

ator fumes back into the house while they slept. LEADERSHIP gathered that before the incident, the late Esther was ill and had asked her friend, Patience, to come and pass the night with her.

"The next morning, the two friends did not come out. We knocked on the door several times but we got no response. We were worried so we forced the door open only to see their lifeless bodies on the bed," John added.

Spokesman of the state police command, Akhigbe, confirmed the incident.