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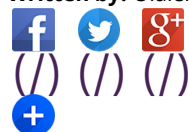
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One person was on Monday killed and two others injured by a naval rating said to be drunk, who shot indiscriminately while reportedly celebrating his birthday in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

Police said, on Tuesday, that he had been arrested and pencilled in for prosecution.

The victims of the illegal use of the firearms are tipper drivers who were at the trailer park at Majidun along the Ikorodu Road in Lagos

The whereabouts of the injured victims were at Tuesday afternoon unknown as their relatives besieged hospitals in Ikorodu but could not find them.

The naval rating, who fired the shots, was until the incident, one of the officers deployed to Majidun area of Ikorodu to curb the activities of pipeline vandals.

The incident created confusion among the Ilaje sand dredgers and tipper drivers on Tuesday afternoon as nobody was sure of who among the three victims had died.

The rating, who was celebrating his birthday, was said to have gone for his rifle and shot into the air in different directions, hitting three people at the park.

The shooting sent people into different directions and when the dust finally settled, three people were found in the pool of their blood.

The naval ratings who were at the scene quickly took the injured victims to hospitals in Ikorodu where they were rejected.

One of the injured victim reportedly gave up the ghost early Tuesday morning with the other two are said to be in critical condition.

The acting image maker in charge of the state police command, Patricia Amadin, confirmed the incident to Tribune Online, adding that that the drunk naval rating had been arrested.

She also added that the rating was, as of Tuesday evening, with the Nigerian Navy authorities, where he would be investigated and prosecuted.

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