

guts School of Nursing in Ekiti

Students attributed the fire to electrical sparks, which started from the ceiling before spreading to

Some official documents were seen on the ground while salvaged books were spread in other offices and classrooms.

The ineffectiveness of the firefighters partly led to the extent

of damage recorded at the school.

The principal was not around when journalists got to the school and none of the officials was willing to speak on the

incident.

When contacted on the phone, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Mohammed Jimoh, said the cause of the fire had yet to be ascertained, adding that the incident was being investigated.

of toilet

Osogbo."

"He took me to the bathroom in the building and removed my pant and lay on me and later asked me to wear my pant back and return to the class," the little girl said.

At the police station, the teacher pleaded, "Please, spare me; I didn't know what came over me. The effect of what I did just dawned on me. I did not rape them. I only had sex with them. It's the devil's work."

But the proprietress of the school, Mrs. Aмоke Alao, denied insinuations by neighbours that the teacher was notorious for sleeping with minors.

Alao said Oyeleke was perceived as a religious and diligent person and nobody suspected that he could commit such a crime.

Explaining that her children also attend the

school, Alao said she would not have tolerated such a crime if she knew Oyeleke was doing it.

The proprietress said she was unaware of the tutorials organised by Oyeleke, saying that only one of the two affected girls is a pupil of her school, while the other only attended Oyeleke's tutorials.

Both girls were taken to police clinic at Oke-Fia, Osogbo, where a medical officer attended to them.

The medical officer, who chose to be anonymous, said the teacher did not penetrate the vaginas of the girls, adding that his organ, however, had an impact on their pubic areas.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Taiwo Olugbemileke, said the case would be investigated since it had been reported to the police.

Robbers kill driver, injure others in Ogun



•The driver

Gunmen on Wednesday killed a driver and injured two others at a motor park along Sagamu-Ore-Benin Expressway in Ogun State and injured two others.

An eyewitness, who said the men were six, added that the incident occurred

around 6.50am.

It was suspected that the men, who drove a brown Toyota Sienna car, were coming from Lagos. They reportedly parked in front of Ore Park, beside NIMCO filling station, posed as commercial drivers and started calling passengers.

One of the drivers at the garage was said to have challenged them, saying they were not authorised to load passengers at the park.

But the bandits opened fire on him and started shooting sporadically into the air to scare away people.

The driver, whose identity could not be ascertained as at press time, had lain in the pool of his own blood for about two hours before policemen later removed his corpse.

The eyewitness said the late driver had a white 18-seater bus with number plate, Lagos PG 648 KJA.

"They opened fire on us in the park, shouting, 'wetin una dey look.' Before we could understand what was going on, a driver man who came to load passengers in our park was shot in the chest and he died, while many others were hit by stray bullets," he said.

A police source said the matter was being investigated and efforts were being made to locate the family of the slain driver.

Female EFCC official sued for assaulting Naval official

Mudiaga Affe, Calabar

The Eastern Naval Command of the Nigerian Navy has charged a female

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official of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Mrs. Obase Mordi, and her brother, Essien Ewa, for allegedly assaulting their officials.

The command said Mordi and Ewa had on August 27, 2011, allegedly assaulted its personnel, Seaman Patrick, when he attempted to search the accused before gaining entrance into the Navy Officer's Mess, Calabar, Cross River State.

The Chief Magistrate of the Calabar Magistrate's Court two, Mr. B.O. Onyam, on Tuesday adjourned the case till April 24, 2012.

The magistrate adjourned the case after the police prosecutor, Mercy Okon, could not produce the needed exhibits and bring Mordi to court.

Mordi had told PUNCH Metro on September 5, 2011, that she lost her six-week-old pregnancy after she was allegedly beaten by naval ratings in Calabar.

But speaking to newsmen shortly after the adjournment, the Provost Marshal of the command, Navy Capt. Anthony Udeagwu, said the matter was reported to the police who arrested and detained the accused and later charged them to court.

Udeagwu said the Navy took the step to demonstrate its loyalty to constituted authorities, saying, "we want to demonstrate that we are law-abiding."

Also, the command's Legal Officer, Navy Capt. Ibrahim Chonoko, said in line with the President's transformation agenda, it was imperative that the Navy pursued the case vigorously in order to protect the fundamental human rights of its personnel.

He said the decision of the magistrate court at the end of the case would determine the next line of action to be taken by the Navy, adding, "we now want to prove that we can also go to court after being assaulted."