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a man, Godspower Ike-
chukwu, 33, on a one count
charge of setting his lover's
apartment on fire for alleg-

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Pastor Killed By Daughter's Lover

CYRIACUS IZUEKWE

Police detectives attached to Itire Police Station in Itire-Ikate Local Council Development Area, LCDA, of Lagos State, Southwest Nigeria, have begun a man-hunt for a young man, Dan Okechukwu who allegedly killed his lover's father, Pastor Dan Ahamefuna.

P.M. NEWS investigation revealed that fight erupted when Pastor Ahamefuna engaged his daughter's lover in a brawl. The suspect who is now on the

run, allegedly held tight to the pastor's penis, squeezed and stretched it.

According to an eyewitness, the pastor screamed, slumped and died on the spot.

Neighbours rushed Ahamefuna to a nearby hospital where doctors confirmed him dead on arrival.

It was learnt that the love affair between the pastor's daughter and Okechukwu was the cause of the fight.

Sources said the late clergyman insisted that if Okechukwu

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Woman Dies In Auto Crash

ABEEB OGUNBADEJO

An unidentified woman died this morning when a commuter mini bus painted in Lagos colour summer-saulted on Third Mainland Bridge on Lagos Island, Lagos State, Southwest Nigeria.

Another victim, a man, was in coma when *P.M.NEWS* arrived at the scene of the accident.

At least five other commuters in the Oworonshoki-bound vehicle sustained injuries.

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wanted to marry his daughter, he should relocate from their 50, Karounwi Street, Adedeji bus stop, Itire residence.

It was gathered that Okechukwu neither relocated nor stopped dating the pastor's daughter. This had always led to quarrel between the two neighbours.

On the day of the incident, the pastor allegedly engaged Okechukwu on the same issue and the argument became intense and resulted in a fight.

Ahamefuna hailed from Abiriba in Abia State, Southeast Nigeria.

But immediately the pastor slumped, the suspect who is a native of Mbaise in Imo State, also in the Southeast, ran away.

The corpse of the victim has

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then, the self acclaimed Bishop and his church had been doing everything possible to hide the matter from the public.

Mr. Eleng explained that the sad experience brought about by the missing child began on 17 April, 2011, which happened to be an Easter Sunday.

According to him, when the family got to the church, the couple handed Praise and her twin sister, Glory, over to the school teachers under whose custody many other children were kept.

He said the teachers gave them two tags as proof that their children were at the department for that day.

However, after the church service, the parents went back for their kid only to discover that Praise had gone missing from the class and that the teachers under whose care the children were kept were said to have gone inside the church at that period when parents came back to pick their kids.

"I saw my wife around the vicinity of the Children's Section, she was crying. She told me that Praise was missing," Mr. Eleng explained, adding that they eventually got hold of one of the four teachers allegedly in charge of the children's class, and that the said teacher was also confused regarding Praise's whereabouts.

"She claimed not to know but advised us to check other classes. So we started moving around from class to class, around the church premises," he said further, stressing that after the futile search, he and his wife became apprehensive but still hopeful and that they waited until after most people had gone home before reporting the issue to Oyedepo, who the couple said prayed and joined them in the search after he had told them that he did not see "any evil signal in the disappearance of the little girl."

Since then, the couple said, the family had continued to look for their child and according to Samuel, "I was thinking so many things; how can I come to the house of God and my child will suddenly disappear? Even if it was time for rapture, how can it just pick my child only?"

He said the case was later reported at the Police Area Command in Onipanu, Sango-Ota in Ogun State by the church's Chief Security Of-

The injured victims were rushed to a nearby hospital. But the corpse of the female victim was covered with a cloth at about 8:30 a.m. when the accident occurred.

Eyewitnesses claimed that the driver of the vehicle might have lost control of the steering due to brake failure because it was the only one involved in the accident. The wreckage of the mini bus with Lagos registration number was still at the scene of the accident at the time of filing.

been deposited at a mortuary in Surulere, Lagos for autopsy.

When *P.M.NEWS* visited the residence of the late pastor, his wife was being consoled by neighbours. But she was too grief stricken to speak on the incident.

The Divisional Police Officer, DPO, at Itire Police Station, was not available to comment on the incident. But a source at the station who craved for anonymity, confirmed the incident, adding that the matter is being investigated and police have organised a manhunt for the fleeing Okechukwu.

The pastor's daughter could not be reached as at the time of writing this report.

However, one of their neighbours who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "she has been in a serious dilemma since the incident occurred."

ficer, Supol Cosmas, and that Ijeoma Lawal was assigned as the Investigating Police Officer, IPO.

However, an unconfirmed report claimed that the four teachers connected with the case were never interrogated or asked to make statements.

When it appeared the police were not making any success at finding Praise, the parents decided to go public with the photographs of the missing girl and that he went to a television station (name withheld) where he was interviewed.

He however said during the announcement, the station made some misrepresentation of facts and that when he called, he was told by Desmond that the church told them that the child got missing at the family home and not the church.

"Even the IPO called me to say that she watched the broadcast and was shocked at what was reported.

"...Is it a sin for me to go to a church of God with my family? This is a year since my child disappeared under the church's custody.

"...How can the church interfere with police investigation?" he asked.

He said he had made several attempts to get the four teachers interrogated to no avail, adding that in August

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further that when she confronted her daughter on her mission to Aliu's apartment at such an odd hour, she confessed that Aliu had sex with her, and that he had secretly had sex with her thrice.

At the station, the accused allegedly confessed to the crime. He stated that he only had sex with her thrice and begged the police prosecutor for forgiveness.

The offence, the prosecutor, ASP Austin Onwuemene said, contravened Section 137 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2011.

When Aliu was arraigned, he pleaded not guilty to the charge and Magistrate Mrs. Awope, admitted him on bail in the sum of N300,000 with two sureties in like sum who must show evidence of 3-year tax payment to the Lagos State government.

She adjourned the matter till 5 June, 2012 for mention.

The accused was remanded in Ikoyi Prison when he could not perfect his bail condition on time.

The vehicle blocked part of the bridge and created a serious traffic gridlock.

Men of the Lagos State Traffic Management Agency, LASTMA, were seen trying to ease the traffic jam.

None of the survivors of the auto crash was in the mood to talk when *P.M.NEWS* sought their views on the cause of the accident.

Striking Doctors

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a matter is in court, none of the two parties should take any further action.

Aturu further told the court that the striking doctors were being evicted from their quarters while the case had been filed. In his reaction the Attorney General of Lagos State, Mr. Ade Ipaye told the court that he was served only yesterday and he needed time to react to Aturu.

Regarding the eviction of the striking doctors, Ipaye, said he was ready to sign an undertaking that pending the determination of the matter, the doctors will not be evicted from their official quarters.

In his ruling, Justice Kayid granted an accelerated hearing in the matter, and urged the parties to continue to dialogue. He also told Ipaye to sign an undertaking that the striking doctors will not be evicted.

last year, the police told him the church called and asked that the case be withdrawn as the little girl had been found, but that this was not true.

Provoked by the shoddy handling of the issue, Mr. Eleng said he went to the church to make some trouble and that right from then, Bishop Oyedepo stopped picking his calls.

He said he again met Oyedepo on 12 April, 2012, almost a year after Praise went missing and that after reminding him that his daughter had not been found, the Bishop told him to be prayerful for God to strengthen him so the child could be found. When our correspondent contacted the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, of Onipanu station at Ota, called Jide on phone this morning, he directed him to the Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, ASP Muiyiwa Adejobi.

Adejobi confirmed the incident and gave an assurance that the matter will not be swept under the carpet.

It is true, there was a case like that being handled by a unit of the station called Juvenile and Women Centre (JWC).

"The DPO confirmed that his men are in Lagos looking for a suspect in the case. It is a case we may not be able to finish within a day or two. We will continue to monitor our men investigating the matter now that we have been fully briefed. The family should exercise patience. We understand their feelings. I can assure them that we will get to the root of the matter."

The police spokesman further assured the family of the command's readiness to assist get to the root of the matter.

If the family are not feeling comfortable with the way the police in Onipanu are handling

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deceased's family house.

P.M.NEWS learnt that the incident occurred at about 10a.m. Tuesday at the deceased family house in a suburb popularly known as Logo One in Makurdi.

Janet said that the incident happened when Akaa came into the late John's compound and claimed that Mr. Gber, father of the deceased, had sent him to pick a motor spare part from the house.

According to Janet, her brother did not believe the story because there was no prior information that Akaa should come and pick something from the house.



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