

"The convict thereafter raped the minors in turns after which

on their way home from school the previous day.

## Assailants kill sculptor in Delta

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**O**LEH—THERE was confusion in Oteri-Igbide community, Isoko South Local Government Area, Delta State, yesterday as a 48-year-old sculptor, Mr. Emmanuel Maskoli was allegedly clubbed to death by some assailants.

It was learned that the assailants, numbering two, had a long-standing disagreement with the deceased over his alleged role in their ejection from a one-room apartment they were occupying in the Igbide community.

Sources said the sculptor was headed from Egbo quarters of the Igbide kingdom to a building

site at Oteri-Igbide, where he was working, when he was accosted by the boys who seized his bicycle after an argument over the matter.

"The boys accused him of instigating the owner of the house to eject them on grounds that they converted the house to a brothel," a source, who sought anonymity, in the community, said.

He said the deceased was the caretaker of the building, adding, "the owner, who lives in Warri came to the community about two months ago after he was alerted on the activities of the suspects and threw their belongings out of the apartment.