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Three workers of the University of Lagos (Unilag) yesterday told an Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court how a suspected rapist, John Otema, attacked students on campus.  
  
Otema, a Unilag alumnus, is facing a three-count charge of rape and assault occasioning harm.  
  
He pleaded not guilty.  
  
The witness are Ayodeji Ajayi, a member of the Crime Section, Unilag Security Unit, Dr. Adedoyin Solola of the Medical School and Dr. Aishat Bello of the Medical Centre.  
  
Under cross-examination by Otema’s counsel Mr. Fred Onyeka, Ajayi, the case investigating security officer, denied assaulting the accused when he was apprehended by the security team.  
  
“I never poured water on the defendant; I did not tell the defendant to kneel before his car.  
  
“I did not run a scan of the car’s number plate to determine whether it belonged to the defendant, as we do not have such gadget in our security unit.  
  
“The last time I saw that car was when I went to Adeniji Adele Police Station,” Ajayi said.  
  
Led in evidence by the prosecutor, Mrs K.A. Momoh-Ayokambi, Dr Solola said on examination the first complainant had a swollen face, black eyes, scratches on her neck and a visible bite mark on her upper back. “She also had bruises on her arms,” the doctor added.  
  
“I asked her if she would do a private parts exam and she consented. She had a small laceration on the posterior aspect of the private parts; there was remnant of hymen seen and some clotted blood, but she was not bleeding as at that time.  
  
“We sent her for post exposure propolatis and post coital exposure and we also gave her an anti-tetanus injection, and the scratches and bite mark were healed,” she said.  
  
The prosecutor sought to tender a Certified True Copy (CTC) of the medical report, but Onyeka objected because it was not served on him as part of the proof of evidence.  
  
Justice Sururat Soladoye upheld his objection.  
  
While being cross-examined by Onyeka, Solola said she had no physical contact with the accused when she examined her.  
  
“During the examination, I only asked the victim who perpetrated the act, and she said it was someone who was in a car, who had asked for directions,” Solola said.  
  
Testifying, Dr. Bello narrated her findings when she examined the second student.  
  
“A young woman came in at 2:30pm on February 1, 2018. She complained that she was sexually assaulted. She said she visited a male friend (the defendant) and was sexually assaulted.  
  
“On examination, I saw a sad looking woman, areas of redness around both eyes and there was a bruise at the left part of her neck. On examination of the private parts, there was tenderness around the vulva.  
  
“There was a cut around the opening of the private parts and a whitish discharge from the private parts.  
  
“An assessment of sexual assault was made based on the examination, and we further sent the patient for some investigation such as HIV, Hepatitis B and a pregnancy test, which came out negative.  
  
“There was a documentation done in the hospital in her case file; a report was made to the security unit at Unilag,” she said.  
  
Under cross-examination by Onyeka, Bello said she had no contact with the accused during her investigation.  
  
The judge adjourned till February 18.