Teacher arraigned for alleged sexual assault of six-year-old

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The Lagos State Police Command on Monday arraigned a 25-year-old teacher, Omobolanle Micheal Olaniyi, at the Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court, presided over by Justice Ramon Oshodi, for alleged sexual assault of a six-year-old pupil.  
  
PUNCH Metro gathered that the suspect who was arrested July 24, 2023, was being charged with indecent treatment of a child and sexual assault by penetration.  
  
According to the prosecuting counsel, B. E. Okeowo, the offences contravene Sections 135 and 261 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.  
  
PUNCH Metro learnt that the alleged assault occurred at Oliver Care Montessori School Ogba where Olaniyi was a teacher and the victim a student.  
  
According to the charges, Olaniyi indecently touched the victim’s buttocks, carried her on his lap and sexually assaulted her by inserting his fingers into her vagina.  
  
“Omobolanle Michael Olaniyi, sometime in July 2023, at the Oliver Care Montessori School, Ogba, Lagos State, in the Ikeja Judicial Division did treat one (name withheld) female, aged six-year-old indecently by touching her buttocks and carrying her on your laps.  
  
“Omobolanle Michael Olaniyi, sometime in July 2023 at the Oliver Care Montessori School, Ogba, Lagos State, in the Ikeja Judicial Division did sexually penetrate one (name withheld) aged six-year-old by inserting your finger into her vagina”, his charge read.  
  
The accused, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges brought against him.  
  
In his ruling, Justice Ramon Oshodi ordered that the suspect be held in a custodial centre and adjourned the case to February 4, 2025, for further proceedings.