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The witnesses said the motorcyclist alerted his colleagues, who converged on the house where the two suspects were found, alongside many motorcycles believed to have been stolen, including the victim's own.

“There were also additional Ⓢ motorcycle parts in different quantities found in the house, suggesting a possible link to a larger organised crime network,” a witness identified simply as Asongo said.

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He added that angry youths pounced on the two suspects, who initially tried to escape but were chased, caught, and subjected to jungle justice.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the Benue Command, DSP Udeme Edet, confirmed the incident, stating that 11 suspected stolen motorcycles were recovered from the apartment.

Edet said, “On 20th November 2025, at about 1830hrs, the Command received a distress call regarding a reported stolen Bajaj motorcycle tracked to a compound along George Akume Way, Makurdi.

“Police patrol teams arrived at the scene and discovered a large gathering of youths. Upon entry into the premises, eleven (11) suspected stolen motorcycles, forty-seven (47) motorcycle seats, fuel tanks, criminal charms, three (3) mattresses, one (1) single-barrel firearm, and other items were recovered.

“Two suspects escaped but were captured by members of the public opposite the BIPC Company along George Akume Way and lynched before the arrival of the police. They were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Wadata, where they were confirmed dead by a doctor. Their remains have been deposited at the hospital mortuary. The State CID has taken over the investigation.”

However, at the time of filing this report, angry commercial motorcyclists, popularly known as Okada riders, have blocked some exits of the George Akume Way near the residence where the discovery was made on Thursday night, demanding for immediate withdrawal of police from the premises to allow them destroy the house.