

Lagos mob lynches ex-convict over alleged theft

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Lagos PPRO, SP Abimbola Adebisi

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A suspected ex-convict identified simply as Obasanjo has been lynched by a mob in the Okunola area of Egbeda, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt from police sources on Sunday that the incident occurred on Monday, May 4, after the deceased was allegedly accused of theft within the community.

A police source said Obasanjo had recently returned from prison and was well known in the area.

According to the source, before his imprisonment, the deceased had allegedly been linked to several theft cases and was also said to have struggled with drug abuse.

“People in the area knew him very well, especially around the Lion of Judah Church area. He had only recently returned from prison. We learnt he was beaten after he was accused of stealing again. Before he went to prison, there had been several complaints about theft linked to him,” the source said.

Another police source disclosed that the deceased was attacked by an angry mob after he was allegedly caught in a fresh theft incident on the day of the attack.

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“When they saw him again around the scene, some people descended on him. By the time the situation was brought under control, he had died. It was later that the matter was reported at the police station,” the source added.

The source noted that investigations were ongoing to determine the exact circumstances surrounding the incident and identify those involved in the mob action.

Efforts to reach the spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command, Abimbola Adebisi, proved abortive as calls to his telephone line were not answered. A text message sent to him had yet to be replied to as of the time this report was filed.

PUNCH Metro had reported in October 2024 that a 23-year-old man, Lukman Umar, narrowly escaped being lynched by a mob in Suleja, Niger State, after he allegedly attempted to leave a canteen without paying for his meal.

Umar, who resides at APC Quarters 1, Suleja, was reportedly about to be lynched near Kantoma Bridge before he was rescued by policemen attached to the Anti-Thuggery Unit during a routine patrol.