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## Four robbery suspects roasted to death in Delta

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... As police arraign salesman for alleged stealing

Four suspected robbers who allegedly specialized in dispossessing cattle dealers of their goods and money were on Monday reportedly roasted to death at Agbor in Ika South local government council of Delta.

CityFile gathered that the Toyota Camry car in which the robbery suspects were escaping lost tyres and ran into a ditch where it somersaulted twice before catching fire.

It was learnt that passers-by, residents and police, watched as the vehicle and the robbery suspects were burnt beyond recognition. It was further gathered that the dead hoodlums who robbed their victims who were predominantly traders from the cattle market, were trying to escape through one of the routes when nemesis caught up with them as a police patrol team acting on a tip-off gave them a hot chase.

CityFile further gathered that the divisional police headquarters in Agbor was alerted of the robbery incident by a passer-by and immediately dispatched a team of police led by an inspector to track down the fleeing robbers.

Sources said the dead suspected robbers who were heavily armed reportedly opened fire immediately they sighted the police in order to pave way for their escape. The police team was said to have attempted to return fire for fire when the suspects ran into a ditch.

Delta State police public relations officer, Charles Muka who confirmed the incident said crime wave in the state had drastically reduced in spite of all the odds. In Lagos, the police have arraigned a salesman, Mark Odu-Abang, who allegedly stole his employer's N3 million.

Odu-Abang, 25 is standing trial before an Igboere Magistrate presided over O. O. Martins, but he pleaded not guilty to the three-count charge of conspiracy, stealing and receiving stolen property.

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The prosecutor, Williams Umunna, submitted that the accused and some others at large stole the sum belonging to one Ugochukwu Akuba on March 7, 2011 at the Falomo Shopping Complex, Ikoyi.

Umunna said that the accused shared the money with the others at large and got N200,000 as his own share.

The prosecutor noted that the alleged offence contravened Sections 390, 430 and 516 of the Criminal Code, Laws of Lagos State. Martins granted the accused bail in the sum of N100,000, with two sureties in like sum, and adjourned the case till April 13, 2011 for further hearing



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