

Mob set ablaze bag snatcher in Owerri

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A man suspected to be a handbag snatcher was yesterday beaten thoroughly by an irate mob before being set ablaze along Wetheral Road, Owerri, Imo State capital.

Information reaching the *Daily Champion* from witnesses who spoke on the basis of anonymity, revealed that the suspect and another person now at large, were alleged to have snatched the hand bag of somebody who emerged from a bank around the MCC/Wetheral Road junction area.

The sources said that the victim of the robbery raised an alarm that attracted passersby, commercial motorcyclists and

drivers who chased the thieves and later caught one while the other escaped.

However, *Daily Champion* later learnt that the mob quizzed the suspected thief before they descended on him. During the period of the beating, some mobile policemen on duty intervened to save the young man from further punishment, but all was to no avail as the mob overpowered the few policemen who surrendered the culprit having smelt danger and left.

The charred remains of the burnt suspect was still lying on the spot at press time, hampering the free flow of traffic.