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Daily Trust gathered that the incident occurred at about 3:30pm on Wednesday.

According to eyewitnesses, the mobs lynched the suspects first before setting them ablaze.

The eyewitnesses said the suspects were caught while trying to forcefully dispossess a tricycle operator of his money and other belongings in the market.

“The tricycle operator had dropped his passengers and their goods in the market, and as he was about to move, those boys approached him and were forcefully attempting to dispossess him of his money and others before the mobs descended on them, lynched them and then ablaze,” a source said.

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The state police spokesman, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the incident.

Ikenga stated that the Commissioner of Police, CP Aderemi Adeoye, condemned the act and urged members of the public to always take suspects to the nearest police station for necessary actions.

“The CP has, therefore, ordered a thorough investigation of the incident. Meanwhile, preliminary information revealed that the two male suspects, who were later simply identified as Omaume and Monday were members of a notorious armed robbery gang led by one Itanda (male), already in the Correctional Service Custodial Centre.

“The gang is alleged to be responsible for several attacks and the dispossession of traders and unsuspecting victims of their personal belongings at the Main Market, Onitsha,” Ikenga stated.