

Suspected car battery thief burnt alive in Calabar

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Commissioner of Police in Cross River, Mr. Hafiz Inuwa

A young man suspected to have stolen a car battery was yesterday burnt alive along Yellow Duke Street in Calabar, Cross River State, in the latest incidence of jungle justice in Calabar.

A resident of the area who witnessed the incident said the ill-fated young man was suspected to have stolen a battery in one of the cars parked in the area and when an alarm was raised that he was a thief, a mob immediately gathered and beat him up thoroughly.

“They beat him up until he could no longer move. After that they got some tyres and put around his neck. He was still alive and crying when petrol was brought and poured on him before setting him on fire. He was burnt to ashes on the spot,” the eyewitness said.