

# Armed Robber Roasted To Death, Two Handbag Snatchers Arrested

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An armed robber was on Thursday morning burnt to death along Acme Road in Ikeja, while the Police rescued his accomplice who had already sustained serious injuries. The Ikeja incident brought the number of burnt robbers on the same street to three in two months.

The incident occurred about 9 a.m. when the robbers came out with a new motorcycle without a plate number and snatched the empty handbag from a woman who was walking along the road

thinking it contained money.

Eyewitnesses the woman raised an alarm that attracted genuinely Okada operators who rushed to the scene, pounced on the criminals, beat them into a state of coma and eventually set one of them ablaze.

Also two young men, who specialise in snatching handbags from ladies at gunpoint in Lagos, have been arrested. They met their Waterloo on Tuesday shortly after they attacked two ladies at Egbeleyi Street, Alakuko, along the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway in a bid

to snatch their handbags.

The victims, Remi Akinola and Franca Samuel were returning home after the close of business for the day when they fell into the hands of the hoodlums, identified as Ogo-Oluwa Ogundimu and Saheed Ismaila, about 9.00 p.m.

At the Ikeja scene, the accomplice also received severe beating as his head was cracked with a sledge hammer, his body dabbled with fuel and was about to be set ablaze when a detachment of Policemen from Area G saved him from the mob.