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Mob kills suspected kidnapper in Ethiopia

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A suspected kidnapper, Obodo Ochuko, who was violently attacked by an angry mob, died on the way to the hospital after a failed bid to kidnap his targeted victim.

The suspect was a member of a three-man gang said to have trailed a victim, one Ogbemudia, last Sunday to Eku, Ethiopia East Local Government Area of Delta State.

Ochuko, had already sustained severe injuries in the hands of the mob before police intervention.

DSP Celestina Kalu, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Delta State Command, who confirmed the incident, said the victim had observed that he was being trailed by the gang members operating on a motorcycle and reported at the Abraka Divisional Police Station.

According to Kalu, as soon as the suspects saw the victim with the Divisional Police Office, they retreated and fled.

“Consequently, the DPO followed the complainant to the scene and discovered that the third suspect was arrested and seriously wounded by irate mob. The

suspect, who was rescued by the police, identified himself as Obodo Ochuko

“He confessed to the crime and mentioned three of his accomplices including one Joseph, whose ash coloured C-Class Mercedes Benz, is always use in their operation within the area,” the spokesperson said.

She added that the wounded suspect led police operatives to Eku-Kraka village where one Oghenejakpo Igubenu, who was identified by the complainant as the rider of the gang’s operational motorcycle, was arrested, while others were discovered to have relocated.

Items recovered from him, according to the police image-maker, include one English made berretta pistol with three rounds of live ammunition and one cut-to-size barrel gun.

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