

Mob Sets Ablaze PoS Armed Robbery Suspect In Ughelli

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UGHELLI – CP Hafiz Inuwa, Delta State Commissioner of Police, has confirmed the death of one armed robbery suspect shot dead in Ughelli, Delta State.

CP Inuwa said luck ran out of a member of a four-man armed robbery gang when an angry mob set him ablaze on Monday night during a failed robbery operation at the Otovwodo junction in Ughelli, Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State.

DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that the four-man gang had gone to rob a female Point Of Sale (POS) operator after which the victim was shot on the thigh and her cash and phones taken away by the hoodlums.

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However, the suspect could not escape with other members.

A commercial motorcycle operator who simply identified himself as Umukoro, who claimed to have witnessed the robbery said, “The robbers were four in number; two of them had accosted the girl and tried to collect the bag of money from her.

“She refused to let go of the bag and started dragging the bag with them. In a bid to demobilise her, the guy with the gun shot her on her thigh and fled with the bag and her phone leaving the girl in a pool of blood.

“However, the sound of the gunshot attracted people who came out in their numbers, chased one of the armed robbers, apprehended him and set him ablaze after thoroughly beating him.”

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One of the shop owners in the area who spoke to us anonymously said the victim, named Blessing Oge, a 22-year-old girl, was shot on the thigh after she refused to let go of her bag to the hoodlums who were armed with a pump-action rifle.

When contacted by our reporter, the Delta State Commissioner of Police, CP Hafiz Inuwa, confirmed the incident and said, “The suspect had gone to rob the female POS operator and subsequently shot her on the leg during the incident. While fleeing the scene of the incident, people saw them and mobbed one of the hoodlums while others escaped, but before the police could arrive the scene, the mob had already set the suspect ablaze.”