

# Phone Thief Lynched In Lagos

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A mobile phone thief met his Waterloo yesterday, when night crawlers at a popular night club on Oba Akran Road, Ikeja, lynched him for allegedly stealing a GSM phone at the club.

The suspected phone thief, whose identity is still unknown, was said to have gone to the night club at about 2am and stole the phone after which he took to his heels.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the owner of the phone raised the alarm that the man had

stolen his handset and those who were with him gave the thief a hot chase and caught up with him.

A man who identified himself as Solomon Adejumo, said people shouted "thief, thief" as they ran after him and when they caught him, he clubbed him to death and recovered the phone.

He said the mob left the lifeless body of the man on the street and dispersed before the police got to the scene.

"It is good for thief. That one has learned his lessons the hard way. In his next world,

hospital.

he will probably be a pastor," Adejumo added.

Another man, who simply identified himself as Balogun explained that the thief was drinking beer on the same table with the owner of the phone when he suddenly pilfered the phone and took to his heels. He said the man wanted to travel abroad same yesterday.

The Lagos State police public relations officer, DSP Ngozi Braide, told LEADERSHIP that she was not aware of the incident.

She said the crime had not been reported at any police station.

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