

Mob burnt *okada* thief in Ilorin

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A group of young people in Ilorin, Kwara state has set a suspected thief ablaze around Maraba area of the state capital for allegedly stealing a commercial motorcycle popularly called *okada*.

The TRIBUNE gathered that the robbery incident happened around Akerebiata area on Friday night when the thief, accompanied by a colleague, shot the owner on the leg at gun point.

Their attempt to escape after some youths gave them a chase however led to their

involvement in an accident which led to one of them falling off the bike.

Speaking on the issue, a resident of the area who did not want his name in print said, "We learnt they snatched an *okada* around Akerebiata after shooting the owner.

"But in the attempt to escape, some of the youths around summoned courage, mobilized themselves and gave them a hot chase which led to the apprehension of one of them who fell off the motorcycle after he hit a vehicle around Maraba

junction. They intercepted and overpowered him, collected his gun and burnt him to death after he had been seriously beaten with blood all over his body.

"The incident happened around 8pm last night and body was still at the spot where he was lynched around 9:30am this morning", the source added.

Speaking on the development, the state Police Public Relation Officer, Ajayi Okasanmi (SP) said investigation is ongoing to determine the fact that lead to the incident.