Police trail killers of mad woman allegedly found with stolen baby, three AK-47 rifles in Lagos

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THE police in Lagos State are on the trail of members of the mob who set a mentally-challenged woman ablaze for allegedly being in possession of a stolen baby and three AK-47 rifles.

The state Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has directed the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba to take over investigations into the extra judicial killing.

The mentally-challenged woman was on Monday set ablaze by people around Abule-Ado after some persons raised the alarm that she was in possession of a stolen baby and AK-47 rifles.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Muyiwa Adejobi, in a statement on Tuesday, said: "The Lagos State police command has commenced investigation into the killing and setting

ablaze of a mentally-challenged woman who was alleged to have been in possession of a stolen baby and three AK 47 rifles at Abule Ado, Under Bridge, Festac Area of Lagos State on Monday, May 24.

"Based on preliminary investigation, it was discovered that the mentally-challenged woman had been living in the area for several years before she was lynched and set ablaze by some hoodlums in the area on the allegation of being in possession of a baby and three AK 47 rifles.

"The command wishes to state categorically that the woman was just murdered for reasons best known to the perpetrators of the heinous crime as investigation revealed that no baby and AK-47 rifles were found in her possession, neither were they recovered by the perpetrators or the police. It is just a clear case of murder."