

# Youths set two PoS robbers ablaze in A'Ibom

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YOUTHS in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital, on Wednesday administered jungle justice on two suspected criminals who specialised in robbing Point of Sale (PoS) operators, dispossessing them of cash, phones and other valuables at gun-point.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at about 10:30 a.m., when two robbers on a motorcycle tried to overpower a PoS attendant while dispensing cash to customers at Ikot Oku Ikono, near the newly-inaugurated fly-over bridge on the outskirts of Uyo.

A tricycle operator who witnessed the incident, Nye-nime Effiong, told newsmen

that the suspects ran out of luck when the alarm raised by the PoS attendant attracted youths, who seized them and immediately set them alight before the arrival of police operatives.

However, the Commissioner of Police in the state, Amiengheme Andrew, according to the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Odiko Macdon, had warned residents not to take the law into their own hands by administering jungle justice on criminal suspects.

"Jungle justice has no place in law," he said, advising that "civilians have power to arrest suspects, but they must hand them over to the police."