

② Serial armed robbery, rape suspect lynched in Ibadan

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A suspected armed robber who also engaged in raping his victims was caught and lynched by a mob early on Wednesday at Adagbada/Arola community, Apete, Ibadan, Oyo State.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the yet-to-be-identified suspect invaded a home in the community at about 4:00a.m and robbed two ladies of their mobile phones and money.

As said to be his usual practice, he reportedly locked one of the ladies up in a toilet and forced the

other to lie down for him to rape.

However, the locked-up lady escaped from the toilet and alerted neighbours.

It was said that the neighbours raised the alarm, which made the suspect to abandon his rape target and tried to flee.

The alarm raised led to his apprehension as he made an unsuccessful effort to escape.

He was said to have thrown the phones he took from his victims over the fence of a building, from where they were eventually recovered by the police in

the Apete Division.

Nigerian Tribune further gathered that the mob caught him and beat him to death.

A crowd later gathered to watch his lifeless body, while many of them who were residents of the houses where the suspect had reportedly operated before started jubilating.

Some of the residents who spoke with the Nigerian Tribune recounted how they lived in fear because of the activities of the slain suspect.

They disclosed that many ladies had been raped by

the suspect, who was always armed with cutlass, over the years, but he always escaped arrest.

They told of how he would pretend to have gang members outside, barking orders at the purported gang members to bring his gun if the victim he wanted to rape was uncooperative.

The corpse of the suspect was recovered by the police and deposited at a mortuary.

When contacted through calls and messages, the state police spokesman, SP Adewale Osifeso, had yet to respond as of the time of filing in this report.