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Mob sets ablaze three suspected robbers in Benue, Delta

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Some youths on Tuesday lynched a suspected motorcycle robber in Makurdi, capital city of Benue State.

The incident happened near the Art Council Junction around 11pm.

According to an eyewitnesses, the suspect tricked a commercial motorcyclist to convey him to somewhere along Geroge Akume Way in Makurdi.

PUNCH Metro learnt that on the way, the suspect pulled out a gun and ordered the rider to take him to wherever he directed him to.

Luck, however, ran out on the suspect when the rider sped to where some vigilantes were and raised the alarm.

The suspect was said to have taken to his heels, but was pursued by youths within the council area, who beat him to death.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, confirmed the incident.

“Some youths around where the incident occurred pursued the suspect to the point where he was killed and burnt before the arrival of the police,” she added.

In a related development, two suspected robbers were on Wednesday set ablaze by an angry mob at the Refinery Junction, Effurun-Sapele Road, in the Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

Witnesses said one other suspect, however, managed to escape from the mob.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the suspects had earlier shot a female teacher with Army Day Secondary School, Effurun, before snatching her handbag containing about N200,000.

The robbery was said to have occurred opposite Jowil by Okoloba Junction.

It was gathered that the gunmen, after the incident, fled in a commercial tricycle to a drinking spot near the Ekpan Police Station.

They reportedly dispossessed people at the bar of their mobile phones and money.

A source said the hoodlums were, however, chased by irate youths to the Refinery Junction, where they were apprehended, beaten and set ablaze.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident. ,,