

Tricycle operator burnt, robbers flee as mob tackles hoodlums

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Anambra State Police Commissioner, Echeng Eworo

One out of a four-man tricycle armed robbery gang that has been terrorising residents and commuters on the Onitsha Army Barracks/Upper Iweka/Borromew round-about axis, along the Asaba/Onitsha/Enugu Expressway, Anambra State, was set ablaze by an irate mob during a failed attempt to rob at gun-point.

It was gathered that the incident happened late on Sunday.

An eyewitness, who simply identified herself as Rose said, "I saw it all how it happened because I was at this Green grain market, (near Army Barracks) when the robbers stopped their Keke to rob some people who were waiting to board vehicles.

"There were about four of them but the one that was driving the Keke was the one that was arrested and set ablaze by some angry youths who saw what was happening and pursued the robbers and three others escaped abandoning their Keke driver."

"The Keke driver could not run because he was a tall, fat man and elderly in appearance. So they set him ablaze with fuel and fairly used tyres even as he was shouting that he was not an armed robber."

While the mob was setting the suspected robber ablaze, some tricycle operators stormed the scene and pleaded to the angry mob not to set him ablaze.

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When contacted, the state police spokesman, Ikenga Tochukwu, said he was not aware of the incident as “he has not been briefed.

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