

Mob kills suspected thief, Osun police order probe

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The Osun State Police Command on Sunday said it commenced investigation into the killing of a suspected thief, identified simply as Loni, in the Ilesa area of the state.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Loni was caught by some residents after robbing a yet-to-be-identified motorcyclist of his motorcycle in the Irete Ayo area of Ilesa.

The suspect was said to have made an attempt to move the motorcycle that he snatched on Saturday to a secluded place in the community when the residents apprehended him.

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola, in a statement, said operatives found Loni dead around 8:30am on Sunday.

“The deceased, during his lifetime, happened to be a thief who specialised in stealing motorcycles in Ilesa. He was said to have been killed by a mob while attempting to steal a motorcycle parked by the roadside.

“A team of police detectives visited the scene and the corpse has been deposited at the Wesley Guild Hospital Mortuary, Ilesa. No arrest yet, but preliminary investigation is ongoing,” Opalola said.