

Mob lynches suspected burglar in Rivers

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THERE was pandemonium along the popular Ikoku Market in the Mile axis of Port Harcourt on Saturday as residents and passers-by discovered the lifeless body of an unidentified man with multiple machete cuts.

Some residents reported that the dead man's stomach was ripped open and parts of his buttocks were severed, as his remains were found in front of a new-generation bank near Ayama Junction linking Olu-Obasanjo

Road in Port Harcourt.

A source said, "The machete cuts on the dead body suggest that the man may have been murdered."

However, the Rivers State Police Command stated that the victim was a notorious criminal who was lynched by a mob after being caught in the act.

The police said operatives, who responded to calls from residents, identified the deceased as having been involved in a series of burglaries and related crimes.

Spokesperson of the State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko,

disclosed this in a statement issued in Port Harcourt on Saturday evening and sent to newsmen.

Iringe-Koko refuted claims that some parts of the man's body were missing, stating that after the body was dumped along the road by the angry mob, it was subsequently hit by a fast-moving car, causing further injuries.

She further said that the police have launched an investigation to ascertain the circumstances leading to the incident, with a view to apprehending the perpetrators and bringing them to book.