

2 robbers lynched after stealing bag containing N50, underwear

• Trailer crushes policeman

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TWO suspected robbers were yesterday lynched at the NPA Expressway in Warri, Delta State for snatching a lady's handbag containing N50 and underwear.

The hoodlums, who were operating on a tri-cycle, snatched the bag and sped off.

Nemesis, however, caught up with them when the lady raised the alarm that attracted fellow tricyclists (*Keke*) riders who gave them a chase and apprehended the fleeing bandits.

Upon their "arrest," the bandits were beaten to death by the mob.

Investigation revealed that the lady having opened the bag that was recovered from the bandits had only fifty Naira (N50) and an underwear inside it.

Meanwhile, two young men suspected to be cultists were arrested by a vigilance group in Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area.

The cultists were armed with a sharp knife, gun and other dangerous weapons.

Asked how they came about the dangerous weapons, the suspects confessed that they are members of

Eiye cult group from Uvwie branch.

Also in Lagos yesterday, a hit-and-run trailer driver yesterday crushed a police sergeant in Apapa.

The victim is Mr. Luca Abashi, who was on duty at Airways area when the vehicle rammed into him.

Immediately the vehicle crushed Abashi, who was attached to Lagos State Police Task Force, the driver and conductor escaped from the scene.

An eyewitness, Wasiu Balogun, said the victim was flagging down the vehicle, but instead of stopping, the driver allegedly faced the policeman and

killed him instantly.

The matter was reported at Apapa police station.

A policeman attached to the task force who was posted to the same beat with Abashi, said the vehicle had been towed to the Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LASTMA) headquarters in Oshodi.

The policeman disclosed that Abashi had phoned his widow, minutes before the tragedy. "He was happy as he was making the call and announced to his wife that he would soon return home as he would like to relocate to his new accommodation the next day," the policeman said.

