

# Police warn Abia residents over jungle justice

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The police in Abia State have warned residents of Aba, the commercial nerve centre of the state to desist from all form of extra-judicial killings.

Commissioner of police, Mr Ene Okon while speaking with our reporter frowned at the manner in which a yet to be identified suspected armed robber was gruesomely killed yesterday in Aba.

The CP said that the incident which took place at Umule Road by Eberechi Street in Osisioma LGA would not be tolerated and should as a matter of fact stop in the state.

A trending video clip available to us revealed some residents chained the suspect before setting him ablaze after a marathon beating.

The gruesome killing at Umule Road was just one of many others of such which had occurred within Aba in the last three months as jungle justice had become

the order of the day.

Information about what the victim allegedly stole was sketchy, but a source who later spoke to our reporter said that the victim and three of his colleagues allegedly robbed a businessman who owned a depot for brewed drinks.

The source alleged that during a hot chase, the two colleagues of the victim escaped while he was caught and lynched set ablaze in the process.

The burnt charred body of the victim was left at the entrance of Eberechi Street where some residents later moved it to the middle of Umule Road, causing serious panic and gridlock on the busy road as at when filling this report.

But apparently miffed, Abia CP said "they're free to arrest and handover to the police. The police are not in support of lynching anybody because of stealing. They should follow due process. They're doing it with altruism, but not with due process."