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TWO male students of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka in Anambra State who were allegedly caught in a robbery act in Asaba met their Waterloo as they were instantly lynched to death by irate mob.

There are however conflicting reports surrounding the mission of the students who were in company of a female student from the same university to Asaba last Saturday.

While information pieced together stated that the students were in Asaba to allegedly kidnap an Onitsha-based businessman on a visit to Asaba, police insisted that they were caught in the act of robbery.

State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Charles Muka said in a press statement yesterday that “on 18th October 2008, a notorious armed robbery gang all of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka used a female gang member to lure one Emmanuel Okpara ‘m’ of Onitsha to a house at Ezenei Avenue Asaba where the said victim was robbed of the sum of N20,000 and two handsets valued forty thousand naira .

“During the robbery”, according to the PPRO, “the victim escaped from the room and raised an alarm which attracted the attention of passers-by who arrested two of them (names withheld) and beat them to a state of coma and were confirmed dead at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Asaba.

“The said girl was later arrested while another student, a member of the gang escaped with the gun used by the gang and items recovered from the suspects included one battle axe and a cutlass”, the PPRO further added.

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