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Vigilante kills father, son in Abia; lynched

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ABA—A member of a local vigilante group in Aba, Abia State, has been lynched by an irate mob for allegedly killing two and injuring another person with his gun at Ohanku area of the city.

Eyewitnesses told *Vanguard* that the mob also set ablaze a building belonging to the late vigilante member.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased was a member of a local vigilante within Ohanku area, popularly known as *Aguleri Vigilante* and was alleged to have gone on a solo operation to arrest a suspected criminal.

According to a source, the vigilante had gone to the residence of a suspected member of a criminal gang in the area, identified as Ahuama Augustine, to recover allegedly stolen items, but met stiff opposition from the young man and his father. He was said to have fired a shot that killed both father and son.

When the shot brought out residents, who saw Augustine in a pool of blood, the vigilante member fired more shots to scare them and a stray bullet injured another person.

He was later overpowered and set ablaze, while the mob identified his residence and also set it on fire.

A resident of Ohanku, who gave his name as Onyedikachi, said since the incident occurred, people had fled the area as men of the Ndiegoro Police Division have been making arrest.

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