

2 robbery suspects lynched in Benue



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MAKURDI—Two robbery suspects were late Saturday night burnt beyond recognition by irate mob in Ikpa Mbatyerev, in Gboko local government area of Benue state for attempting to rob a businesswoman of her valuables.

Vanguard learned that the duo were part of a five man robbery gang who besieged the home of a business woman in the community, name withheld, and attempted to rob her of her valuables.

According to the source, "the armed men actually stormed the home of the

woman at about 10pm on Saturday night just minutes after she had returned from her business place.

"After forcing their way into the woman's house, they threatened to kill her and her children if she did not surrender all the money in her possession to them.

"The woman immediately acted fast and raised an alarm which attracted neighbours and members of the local vigilante group in the area who immediate rushed to the scene.

"Sensing danger, members of the gang fled from the village but two of them were not so lucky, the villagers caught up with them and beat them to death after which their bodies were set ablaze and burnt beyond recognition."