

Delta on rampage over killing of girl by vigilante

By Perez Brisibe

UGHELLI—PROPERTIES worth millions of naira were destroyed by youths of Effurun-Otor community in Ughelli South local government area of Delta State, who reportedly went berserk over the alleged killing of a female indigene.

It was gathered that the lady was killed by persons suspected to be members of the community vigilance outfit.

According to sources, the victim had reportedly approached the team operating in the community to beg for the release of her brother in their custody, when she was allegedly shot.

A source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "The girl had gone to meet the vigilance group's at their office to beg them to release her brother, who was arrested and held for something he was said to have done.

"While pleading with them, there was an exchange of words between the girl and the vigilante members when suddenly, one of them cocked his gun and shot her at close range leading to her bleeding to death.

"Angered by the activities of the vigilance team members, the community youths went on rampage setting buildings and cars ablaze."

We're investigating—Police

Confirming the incident, Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Andrew Aniamaka, said calm has been restored to the community following deployment of policemen from the Otu-Jeremi police division and Ughelli Area Command.

He said: "The vigilante operatives in the area actually have a hand in the tension that arose in the area.

"However, investigation into the incident is ongoing and when that is concluded, you will get the full details."

Victim's colleague is our leader, says robber that killed Uber driver in Lagos

By Evelyn Usman

OPERATIVES of the Rapid Response Squad, RRS of the Lagos State Police Command, have arrested two suspected members of a robbery gang that killed an Uber driver and made away with his vehicle at Ikate, Lekki area of Lagos.

The suspects, Humble Peter Robert, 33, and Gideon Achibong, 36, who were arrested in Aboki Estate while dismantling the stolen vehicle, a Hyundai Elantra with number plates EPE 676 EC, said another Uber driver is their leader.

The suspects and other members of their fleeing gang, whose identities were given as Emma, David and Dolapo, boarded the cab in Lekki at about 11p.m., last week and were heading to Ikate, when one of them told the driver, Sunday Obasi, that he wanted to urinate.

Unsuspecting Obasi, pulled over, only to be attacked and left to die while the thieves zoomed off in his car.

During investigation, one of the suspects, Robert, was discovered to be an ex-convict and a bus conductor. Robert and members of his gang were also discovered to have hijacked a vehicle from another Uber driver, three days before he was arrested.

How we killed the driver

During interrogation, Robert said: "When we flagged down the vehicle, he said he would collect N1,000. I sat in front while others

sat behind.

"As he pulled over, we seized and hit him with stones several times on his head. He begged us not to kill him that he was sick.

"We pushed him out and drove his wine-coloured Hyundai Elantra vehicle to Beach Road, Lekki, where we swapped its number plates with a Volkswagen Passat car's—FKJ 708 CA. We left it there for two days hoping to contact a buyer.

"Emma, who is also an Uber driver, is our ring leader. He masterminded the operation. He said that the deceased was operating offline. We did not know the man died, until one of us visited where we hijacked the car, next day and saw his remains in Police body bag."

"We contacted Archibong to assist us in disposing off the car. But the buyers said they would only buy the parts.

"It was in the process of dismantling the car that RRS patrol vehicle spotted us and arrested two of us. Emma, Dolapo and David are on the run."

Police sources hinted that the arrest followed a directive from the new Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Muazu, to the RRS Commander, ACP Olatunji Disu, that the culprits be fished out and made to face the full wrath of the law."