

2 suspected robbers set ablaze after robbing pregnant woman in A-Ibom

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UYO—Two robbers caught Tuesday night, by residents of Abak Road, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State capital after robbing a pregnant woman were burnt to ashes.

It was gathered that the hoodlums were four in number but two managed to escape.

An eyewitness said the pregnant woman, whose name was not disclosed, was attacked by the hoodlums immediately she alighted from a commercial motorcycle.

According to the eye witness, the motorcyclist had already taken off after dropping his passenger but was immediately compelled to turn back when he heard the pregnant woman shouting.

He said two of the robbers on sighting him took to their heels but two others, who successfully dispossessed the woman of her

valuables, were caught and set ablaze.

A tricycle operator said: "Luck ran out of two of them when they were overpowered by men who beat, stoned them with blocks before setting them ablaze."

He lamented that hoodlums have been terrorising the area for years now, noting that the hoodlums had already robbed some houses before their encounter with the pregnant woman.

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Odiko Macdon, said:

"It is unfortunate that they were set ablaze before we got there. Jungle justice has no place in the law. Every accused is innocent until proven guilty by law."

The PPRO, who cautioned that the command would no longer tolerate such acts, said: "We have liaised with the state waste management authority to evacuate the remains while investigation is ongoing to unravel those behind the act."