

during his 11th memorial service in Amassoma community, at the weekend

Area boys on rampage, as mob kills suspected robber in Lagos

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LAGOS — A group of Street urchins, popularly called 'Area Boys', yesterday, went berserk in Ajegunle/Apapa, Lagos State, following the death of a suspected robber, Tochukwu Wike, called 'Jasper', who died, as a result of the injuries he sustained after a mob attack.

The incident occurred at Mba Oregie area at about 6am when Jaaper a resident of Boyejo Street was apprehended during a robbery operation at Anosike Street, off Mba Oregie Street.

According to eye witnesses' account, the suspect was caught while removing a phone through a window at about 5am and escaped after the alarm was raised through the adjoining street.

However, residents launched a chase after him and finally apprehended him at about 6am.

The development was said to have attracted a mob and Jasper was apprehended at Mba Osage Street and beaten to a pulp in the process.

Vanguard gathered that Jasper's gang who got wind of the incident and came in an attempt to rescue their colleague met his dead body.

When information about his death spread to the

neighborhood, this sparked violence as his gang regrouped and took over Mba Osage area to rob and attack road users on their way to church.

The timely intervention of men of OPMESA security outfit and the Ajeromi/Ifelodun Division of Police Command, restored sanity to the area.

Meanwhile, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Muyiwa Adejobi said he was yet to be briefed about the development.