

Motorcycle snatcher set ablaze in Delta community

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UGHELLI—AN unidentified young man was reportedly set ablaze by a mob at Afiesere community, Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State for allegedly snatching a newly purchased motorcycle from its owner.

It was gathered that the deceased had forcefully dispossessed the owner of the motorcycle around the Iwhrekpokpor roundabout area of the Ughelli metropolis and was making away with it when the owner raised an alarm.

A source said other commercial motorcyclists gave the deceased a hot chase and caught up with him around the secondary school in the Afiesere community.

The source said the incident attracted a mammoth crowd, who mobilised and beat him to stupor. They later put a tyre round his neck, poured petrol on him and set him ablaze."

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr Bright Edafe, confirmed the incident, saying "because of how it happened, we did not get details.

"The victim, whose motorcycle was allegedly stolen, has not shown up, but they said that the armed robber stabbed him. He has not come to report and nobody has come to say anything; the motorcycle is already in our custody."