

# Mob sets 3 suspected robbers ablaze in Delta

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**U**GHELLI—THREE suspected armed robbers were, yesterday, set ablaze by a mob in Ekiugbo community, Ughelli North Local Government Area, Delta State.

The suspects, it was learned, had carried out a robbery operation at Edjophe community, Ughelli South Local Government Area, Tuesday night, and had moved to the Panama Layout of the Ekiugbo community where they attempted to attack some residents when luck ran

against them.

Sources said the suspects had shot two persons including a member of a neighbouring Iwhrekan community vigilante team and the victims are said to be in a critical state at the hospital where they were rushed to for medical attention.

A source said: "They entered the community and broke into the houses of some persons where they made away with mobile phones, money and other important items. On their way back, they shot one man and he is currently receiving treatment in hospital."

"Along the line, the vigilante at Iwhrekan were alerted on the development and they went after the armed robbers. The robbers opened fire on them and one of the vigilantes was hit by a bullet and was severely wounded. The boys now headed towards the Ughelli direction but after some hours we heard that they were caught and burnt alive".

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Bright Edefe confirmed that the suspects were set ablaze. He, however, said the matter was not reported to the police.