

HORROR IN DELTA COMMUNITY: Heartless friends incite mob to set mate ablaze

- How they lured ThankGod, set him up over money owed him
- Madam Roselyn, grief-stricken mother; Joe, activist, cry out for justice

DELTA... THE BIG HEART OF THE NATION

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UDU—MADAM Roselyn, mother of a young man identified as Thank God, set ablaze in Udu community, Delta State, by his friends last week, has cried out to the government and security agencies to fish out the killers of her son and ensure justice.

The grieving mother said some friends, allegedly owing her son an undisclosed amount of money, called him on the phone to come and collect his money, a piece of information he had passed to her before leaving the house. She stated few hours after he left, somebody called her daughter, saying that he saw a mob beat and set ablaze her son at Obus Layout in the Udu area.

The distraught mother said she could not fathom why her son should suffer such a gruesome death, stressing he was neither a thief nor an armed robber. NDV learned that the wicked friends accused

Thank God of allegedly trying to snatch a car parked in the neighborhood, which made people raise the alarm, and they set him ablaze.

But eyewitnesses who did not want their names in print insisted that the late



•ThankGod...the deceased

Thank God was innocent of the allegation, adding that those who called him on the phone set him up.

"They were the people who raised the alarm that he was trying to steal a car parked in the area. They were also the ones who started the beating before the mob joined. And he was set ablaze," an onlooker revealed.

The wailing mother said those who set her son up to be killed stole his phone to cover traces of their relationship and transactions with him.

Additionally, human rights activist, Mr. Israel Joe called for justice for Thank God and the family.

"They tricked him into negotiating with them on how to pay him his money, then they raised a false alarm that he was a thief trying to open and steal a car. He was beaten by a mob as well, and they burnt him to death," he said.

According to the Police at the Ovwian/Aladja Police Station, they have started a thorough investigation to identify the murderers and unearth the circumstances surrounding the horrific death.