

Witchdoctor arrested over S2 student's murder

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The Police in eastern Uganda yesterday arrested a traditional witchdoctor in connection with the murder of a former Senior Two student of Nakaloke Secondary School in Mbale district.

The suspect, identified as Yakut Kiranda Suubi, 52, is a resident of Bukoboli village, Nakalama parish, Nakalama sub-county in Iganga district. He was arrested following a confession by his son, Fahad Kiranda, 27. Fahad was arrested on Saturday over the same murder.

Upon his arrest, Suubi admitted to the Police that he had prior knowledge of his son's involvement in the murder of Sumaya Bint Edrisa, 15. However, he distanced himself from claims made by his son that he was the one who instructed him to carry out the murder.

The Elgon regional Police spokesperson, Rogers Taitika, told *New Vision* that both suspects were expected to be arraigned in Mbale Court today to face murder charges.

During interrogation, Fahad allegedly confessed to killing Bint Edrisa and claimed to have murdered

more than 40 girls.

He reportedly told investigators that he would take the victims' left index fingers and blood to a witch doctor in Nakalama, Iganga district, in exchange for Ugandan sh5m.

Police noted that this admission aligns with Fahad's previous arrest in late June this year over an alleged human trafficking case involving a 16-year-old victim in Mayuge district.

He was remanded in custody but later released on bail on October 16, under unclear circumstances.

According to the Police, the victim was allegedly murdered on March 23

this year, at about 9:00pm at Grace Guest House in Nkoma town, Mbale.

Peter Nabende, a receptionist at the guesthouse, told investigators that Fahad rented Room 11 before later alerting him to the presence of a body using the victim's phone.

"I first took him to Room 14, but he said it was too small for him. We moved to Room 10, but he changed his mind and chose Room 11," Nabende said.

"Minutes later, he used a number that I later learnt belonged to the victim to tell me that I should check for 'my things in Room 11'. When I

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entered the room, I found a naked and lifeless body on the bed."

Nabende said he immediately notified the Police.

