

16, 2017
WWW.MONITOR.CO.UG

Teacher accused of defilement

BY JOSEPH KIGGUNDU
jkiggundu@ug.nationmedia.com

WAKISO. Police are investigating a case in which a teacher at Horizon Campus of St Lawrence Schools and Colleges is accused of defiling a female student.

The suspect, a history teacher, who has since been suspended from work, recorded a statement at work, Police Station yesterday, denying the allegations.

"He has recorded a statement and he is going to help us with our investigations," Mr Muhammad Byansi, the officer in charge of Nateete Police Station, said.

Ms Rose Galabuzi, the headmistress of Horizon Campus, allegedly called an impromptu press conference yesterday to explain the incident. She said they first received information about the teacher's alleged misconduct but dismissed it as a mere rumour until more similar complaints were raised against him.

"We got information that the teacher had moved out of the school premises with the student, but when we made a roll call, we discovered the student was around," she said.

"But there were more allegations levelled against him, including giving his telephone number to our girls, which we think was not right," she added.

“ I know that there is no smoke without fire and since he is on suspension, we are going to do further internal investigations to establish the truth,” ROSE GALABUZI, HEAD TEACHER.

However, Ms Galabuzi said the victim's failure to report the matter to the administration had complicated the school investigations.

She said this was the first time he was being accused of defilement but the school had given him a warning on a previous incident when he was implicated in giving out his telephone contact to some of the school girls.

Speaking to the press at Nateete Police Station, the accused said he was being framed by fellow staff members.

"Some of the members of staff are feeling envious of me because students love me due to my good teaching methods. They are concocting all sorts of stories against me, but the truth will set me free," he said.

Horizon Campus is one of the schools which were owned by the late Prof Lawrence Mukibi.

After his death, he was accused of engaging in sexual relationships with his female students, some of which resulted in bearing children with them.