

National News

How girlfriend aided arrest of fugitive prison warder

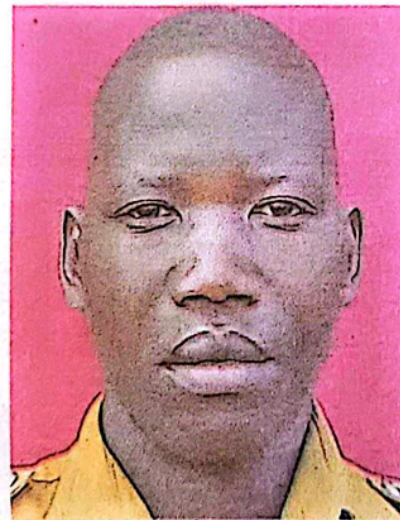
Security agencies had earlier announced a Shs10m bounty for information leading to his capture.

BY DANIEL WANDERA

Relatives and a girlfriend provided crucial information that helped security forces capture the fugitive Ugandan prison warder accused of killing four people at Kiboga Central Prison, in a joint operation that finally bore fruit.

The suspect, Moses Anguyo, was apprehended in Aru Town, Ituri Province, in neighbouring DR Congo after weeks on the run, security officials said.

The West Nile regional police spokesperson, Ms Josephine Angucia, confirmed that the arrest was the result of coordinated efforts between police and prisons officers from Arua District and



Moses Anguyo, the fugitive warder accused of killing four people at Kiboga Central prison. PHOTO/FILE

national headquarters.

"It is true that prison warder Anguyo has been arrested from Aru Town

(Congo) by a joint team. Earlier, we had arrested three people, including his two brothers and a girlfriend, who provided crucial leads that led to his capture," Ms Angucia said in a statement at the weekend.

She added that Anguyo is currently being held by security authorities in Aru as arrangements are made to transfer him back to Uganda to face trial.

"Efforts to bring the suspect back to

Kiboga, where he allegedly committed the offence, are underway," she said.

Prisons spokesperson Frank Baine confirmed the arrest, noting that Anguyo was captured around 3am on Saturday.

"He will be extradited to Uganda and charged. Authorities in Uganda and Congo are working on the necessary documentation to have him returned for prosecution," Mr Baine said.

The arrest follows a manhunt launched after a February 23 shooting at Kiboga Central Prison, where Anguyo allegedly went on a shooting spree during a routine inspection.

The victims were identified as Assistant Superintendent of Prisons Hope Catherine, Deputy Officer-in-Charge Bright Akishuri; Sarah Ayebare, the spouse of the officer-in-charge; and her toddler, Salson Nuwagaba, who was reportedly struck by a stray bullet.

Security agencies had earlier announced a Shs10 million bounty for information leading to his capture, hoping someone would come forward.

CAUSE OF SHOOTING

Preliminary investigations indicate that the shooting may have been sparked by a dispute after the suspect was cautioned against using WhatsApp while on duty, contrary to prison regulations. Authorities also point to possible frustration over career progression, suggesting Anguyo may have felt he had hit a dead end.