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Pader presiding officer arrested voting for mother

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PADER. Police in Pader District yesterday morning arrested and detained a presiding officer who had attempted to vote on her mother's behalf.

Ms Innocencia Akello, a presiding officer at Olwonguu Polling Station in Pader Town Council, was arrested after keen voters reported her to police as she was headed with two ticked ballot papers towards the ballot box.

She was arrested and found in possessionof a National Identity Card (ID) belonging to her mother (name withheld). According to information *Daily Monitor* received, Ms Akello had one ballot paper ticked on her behalf and another on behalf of her mother, who is reportedly living out of Pader District.

Pader District returning officer Joseph Omona confirmed the arrest and said the presiding officer was immediately replaced by polling assistant to avoid disrupting the voting exercise. He said Ms Akello took the advantage of being the presiding officer of the polling station to engage in multiple voting, which is criminal.

"It is an offense to attempt to vote on behalf of another person and by law, the culprit could be imprisoned for a period of two years and fined not more than Shs200,000," Mr Omona said.

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