

Student sues school over rape

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KAMPALA. A female student has sued the school seeking Shs100m in compensation for rape that robbed her of her virginity.

Ms Lydia Kamwine filed the suit against Namirembe Hillside High School along Gayaza Road in Wakiso District.

In the particulars of the suit before the High Court in Kampala, Ms Kamwine contends that she was in Senior Five when she was raped by a Senior Six student, a one Geoffrey Kalemera of the same school.

Ms Kamwine asserts that during lunch time on October 26, 2016 she met Kalemera in the school yard but he grabbed her and dragged her into a vacant Senior Two classroom where he raped her.

Shs100m

Compensation. Amount of money Ms Kamwine is seeking in compensation for rape that robbed her of her virginity.

Ms Kamwine is represented by Pearl Advocates and Solicitors.

She says when the offender realised other students were returning for the afternoon lessons, he let her go.

"...the conduct of the headmaster and the entire school administration of failing to subject her case to a prompt and appropriate scrutiny or forwarding the same to police for investigation and necessary action, amounted to negligence, discrimination and breach of parental duty of care the school owed her," the suit reads in part.

She contends that after the rape, she reported the matter to the headmaster who instead asked her to make a written apology that subsequently earned her an indefinite suspension.

While on suspension, Ms Kamwine says she missed sitting the third term promotional examinations and accordingly could not be promoted to Senior Six. She had to find another school.

She further states that prior to filing the suit, she notified the school about her intention to sue.

She is seeking court to declare that the school was negligent against her, payment of Shs100m in damages for the injuries, humiliation, loss of self-esteem, mental anguish and inconvenience she has suffered as a result of the rape. The school is yet to file its defence.

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