

Witchdoctor, two arrested over theft

KATAKWI

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Locals in Wera village, Katakwi district, have arrested a witchdoctor and two others over stealing a sheep. They allegedly stole the sheep to perform rituals.

The suspects are Michael Osenyi, Simon Auriem and Richard Amedi, the witchdoctor.

Wilbrod Okot, the area LC1

chairperson, confirmed the arrest, noting that the trio stole a sheep belonging to Emmanuel Okiror, the brother to one of the suspects, Osenyi, and slaughtered it. He said the suspects were to be taken to Katakwi Central Police Station for their safety and legal action will be taken. "The witchdoctor is a stranger in my village and this worries because we do not know the kind of man we have arrested," Okot said. Okiror, the sheep owner, said he wants

compensation for the suspects to be set free. "I have no problem with these people. I want them to pay the costs that I have incurred to ensure that they are arrested, Okiror said.

Osenyi confessed to stealing the sheep, saying he had nothing to give the witchdoctor for treatment. He promised to compensate the owner of the sheep but demanded to be taken to the Police station for his safety.

Cases of theft in the area

are on the rise and the Police attribute it to the increasing need for money as the Christmas festive season draws near.

Recently, Michael Odongo, the Police spokesperson for East Kyoga region, appealed to residents to work with the Police to curb rising theft as Christmas nears.

He called on members of the community to be vigilant and report any strange things happening in the area.