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Ex-Flying Squad operative remanded over extortion

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Court has remanded a former Flying Squad Unit operative on allegations of demanding money with menace from a Ugandan diplomat, whom he had falsely reported to the police that he was conspiring to murder his wife.

Ronald Kizito, a former Flying Squad Unit operative, allegedly opened a false report to the police of a criminal case of conspiracy to murder of Sarah Abaho against Mr Robert Mugimba, a Ugandan diplomat, in February this year, with the intent to extort Shs4m from the victim.

Robert Mugimba is the Economic and Commercial Diplomacy officer at the Uganda Mission in Mogadishu, Somalia.

On Friday, Kizito appeared before Senior Principal Magistrate Nicholas Aisu at City Hall Chief Magistrate's Court, which is currently based at Nakawa Chief Magistrate's Court, where the offence of demanding money with menace contrary to Section 273 of the Penal Code Act was read to him.

"Kizito Ronald, during the month of February 2026 in Ntinda - Nakawa Division in the Kampala District, with intent to steal, reported a false criminal allegation of conspiracy to murder against Mugimba Robert and demanded for Shs4m from the said Mugimba Robert," prosecution stated.

Kizito denied the allegations.

The prosecutor said police investigations were still ongoing and asked for



PROBE

Investigators using a covert police officer met the suspect [Ronald Kizito] to discuss a payment.

According to the police investigation, the suspect told the covert officer that if the victim [Robert Mugimba, a diplomat] paid him Shs4 million, he would drop the false case.

← Former Flying Squad Unit operative, Ronald Kizito. PHOTO/ STATE HOUSE

more time to continue them. The court remanded him to prison until April 30.

According to police investigations, the case stems from Mr Mugimba's troubled marriage. It is alleged that Mr Mugimba noticed his relationship with the wife fading in January 2026.

Mr Mugimba contacted Kizito to help him find out whether his wife was in another affair.

Kizito and Mr Mugimba had known each other since early 2000s when they met in an entertainment place in Kampala City. It is alleged that Kizito then introduced himself as a security personnel attached to the Violent Crime Crack Unit (now Flying Squad Unit).

Mr Mugimba told the detectives that in the latest incident, Kizito told him that he was a police officer attached to Flying Squad Unit, but also does private investigations.

According to the investigations, Kizito promised Mr Mugimba that he would privately investigate whether Mr Mugimba's wife was having an affair or not.

Payments

The suspect allegedly demanded Shs1.5m as a fee to investigate, police records show.

Mr Mugimba allegedly paid Shs1m cash to Kizito.

However, the suspect didn't give Mr Mugimba convincing reports on the assignment, but he continued to demand for more money.

After several payments, Mr Mugimba felt that he was being taken for a ride.

He told Kizito to refund all the money. Mr Mugimba told detectives that the suspect refused to refund the money and also started becoming hostile to him.

On February 20, while attending to his sick father at Ruby Hospital in Kampala City, police officers raided the medical facility and arrested Mr Mugimba.

Mr Mugimba was detained at Jinja Road Police Station on allegations of conspiring to murder his wife, but he was later released after recording a statement.

Mr Mugimba was informed that Kizito had logged that complaint to the police. But Kizito reportedly continued to contact him demanding Shs4m from him to settle the case, police documents show.

State House probe

Mr Mugimba reported the case to the State House Anti-Corruption Unit. Investigators using a covert police officer met Kizito.

The investigator recorded the accused stating his intention to open a case against Mr Mugimba.

According to police investigations, the suspect told the covert officer that if the victim paid him Shs4 million, he would drop the case.

The covert officer sent him a fraction of the money via mobile money, and the suspect received it.

Upon completing the money transaction, the suspect was arrested and he was later charged in court.