

Security company defends guard who shot DPC

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The director of Exposs Security Company, Marshall Odur, has defended the actions of his employee, who shot a suspected thief on the night of November 29. The man shot turned out to be the Gulu District Police Commander (DPC).

"The guard (David Olanya, 25), told me that he did not know the person he shot because it was dark," Odur said.

"He immediately rung his supervisors, informing them he had shot a suspected thief," Odur added.

He said a vehicle was sent and the victim was taken to Gulu Regional Referral Hospital from where he was identified as the DPC.

Odur, a former regional Police commander called, a press conference at his office at Bar-Dege Division, Gulu to explain that the security guard acted professionally, as expected of any guard on night duty.

"As much as the Police say they are still investigating the incident, my guard told me he



Exposs Security Company boss Odur. Photo by Dennis Ojwee

shot a person suspected to be a thief who was resisting arrest.

"He shot on the leg to neutralise, instead of killing him. That is professional conduct," Odur explained.

The guard is still detained by the Police, facing possible charges of attempted murder. He has, however, not been produced in court.

Odur noted that he has been held longer than the statutory 48 hours without charge.

The Aswa River regional Police commander, Patrick Jimmy Okema on Monday told journalists that they had not yet completed investigations.

He said the Police were yet to record a statement from

the DPC since he was still at St. Mary's Hospital Lacor, where he was taken for further management from Gulu Regional Referral Hospital.

The victim reportedly climbed a wall fence at the Trough Art Keep Smiling (TAKS) centre and was suddenly noticed by the guard when he was already inside.