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Two brothers arrested over murder of Entebbe student

ENTEBBE. Police have arrested two brothers suspected to have murdered a student of Air Force Secondary School in Katabi, Entebbe last week.

Mr Mohammed Ssebaduka and his younger brother Mr Ibrahim Jingo were detained at Entebbe Police Station.

The CID officer of Entebbe Police Station ASP Zachariah Mbabazi confirmed the arrest.

He told *Daily Monitor* that Mr Jingo had admitted to the murder of the student, Norah Wanyana, 18, whose body was discovered last Friday by residents of Nkumba Central zone. The body was naked and a stick stuffed in her private parts.

"We have them in custody and murder charges are to be preferred against them. We are going to take them to court soon," Mr Mbabazi told *Daily Monitor*.

A senior detective investigating the case, who declined to be named, told this news paper that Mr Jingo, the younger brother, admitted to the murder during interrogation and search of the crime scene on Monday.

The detective said Mr Jingo told police that his elder brother Mr Ssebaduka last Thursday evening, asked him to escort him for a business deal

and he accepted. It is further said that Mr Jingo told police that Mr Ssebaduka rang Wanyana who arrived shortly to meet them, wearing her school uniform with her books.

Mr Jingo reportedly further said they moved away with Wanyana until they reached a shrub where they gagged her mouth and took her to the bush.

Mr Jingo reportedly said Mr Ssebaduka had sex with Wanyana after which he told him to do the same.

After the rape, Mr Jingo reportedly said, Mr Ssebaduka picked a piece of wood and inserted it into Wanyana's vagina. The duo reportedly left after she had breathed her last.

The detective said Mr Jingo told police they left for Wagagai on the Lake Victoria shore in Kasenyi where they cleaned themselves and rode off on Mr Ssebaduka's motorcycle which police recovered from the latter's home.

It was not readily established whether Mr Ssebaduka and Mr Jingo were linked to the previous murders of other women killed in a similar manner in the same area. Ten suspects have been arrested over the murders.

Wanyana was the fifth woman to fall

victim in the spate of killings that have happened in Entebbe in the last one month in more or less similar manner and brutality.

On July 24, 27-year-old Rose Nakimuli, a hairdresser and resident of Kitala in Entebbe, was murdered and her body dumped in a banana plantation, a few metres from her residence.

Her hands were bound behind her back with a stick inserted in her vagina.

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In the weeks preceding July 24, another woman Aisha Fernando alias Kasowolye was murdered in a similar manner and her naked body was found in a banana plantation. The killers poured soil into her vagina.

This was followed by murder of 19-year-old pregnant woman Gorrett

Nansubuga, a food vendor and resident of Kasenyi Zone in Abayita Ababiri.

She was raped and murdered in a banana garden behind her house. The killers inserted a stick into her private parts.

Another woman Faith Komugisha aged 31, a scrap dealer and resident of Kitinda village in Katabi, was also murdered in the same way.

Security restrictions

Following the successive killings, police have imposed restrictions on night movements in and around Entebbe and Katabi towns beyond 10pm. All businesses like roadside food vending, shops, churches, boda boda operators and bars close by 10pm.

Entebbe police commander Godfrey Ninsiima told *Daily Monitor* on Thursday that about 200 people had been arrested in the crackdown but some were released after the screening in collaboration with Local Council leaders.

"Everybody is following the regulations because these are bylaws made by the LCs that we are enforcing. For us to put security measures, we first sensitise the residents," Mr Ninsiima

said. "After arresting, we do screening where we are assisted by LCs who we believe know their people. If they say they are okay, we release them and we are guided by the police criminal watch list. If we find the people are on the watch list, we take them to court," he added.

He dismissed reports which had circulated on Wednesday that two more women had been murdered in Entebbe and one body dumped near Kisubi Police Station and another one at Kabale in Abayita Ababiri.

"We also got that information and visited the scenes on Monday morning but we didn't find any murder. The last murder was of the late Nakimuli last Sunday night at Kitala," Mr Ninsiima said.

One of the residents said the restricted night movements have hurt their businesses.

"For us at Abayita Ababiri they are making us close our shops at 9pm. Some people have night shifts and are required to work late hours. How do you expect them to earn a living if you arrest them because you have found them moving after 10pm," said Mr Michael Kakembo, a resident.