

Gloria Grace Laker, an intern at Gulu High Court, was remanded on charges of sharing information on the court's criminal register without authorisation.

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The Gulu Grade One Magistrate's Court on Tuesday afternoon granted Gulu High Court intern student Gloria Grace Laker a cash bail of Shs500,000.

Each of her three sureties, including her mother, Ms Rose Daisy Lanyero, her aunt, Ms Grace Acheng and Aswa County MP-elect Patrick Okello Onguti were bonded at Shs2million non-cash.

She is expected to reappear before the same court on Wednesday, April 15, for mention of her case.

In an interview, Mr Oscar Kiiza, Laker's lawyer, explained that his client had been banned from talking in public, engaging in any online discussions or sharing anything online relating to her case.

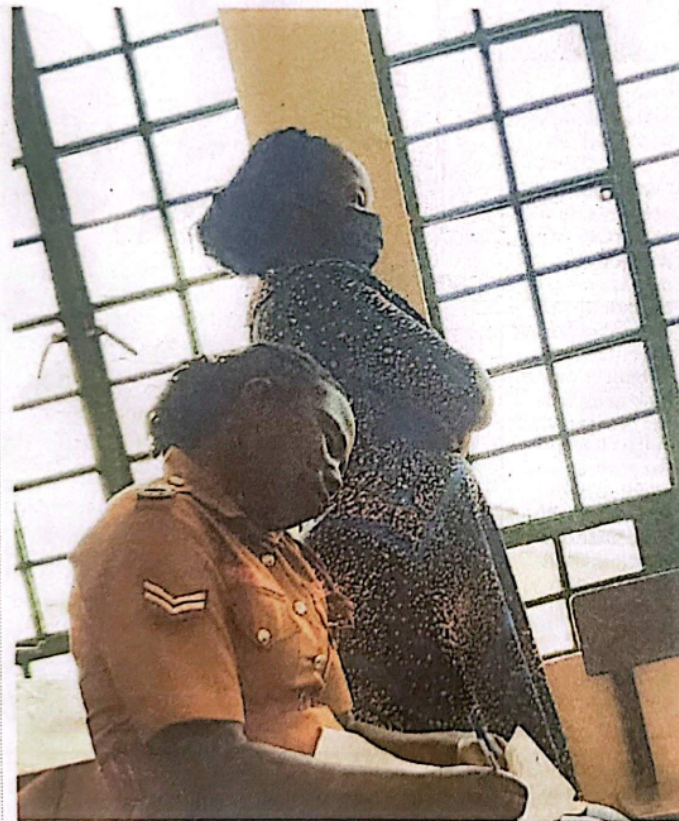
"One of the conditions that is stringent on her is not to engage in online content that regards the case," Mr Kiiza said.

Prosecution absent

The development came in the absence of the Gulu Resident State Attorney, Mr Basir Bandera and his team, who did not show up in court for Laker's bail application hearing.

The hearing was slated for 9am in Court Room 3. However, Mr Bandera declined to turn up. That prompted Gulu Grade One Magistrate Ashraf Muyunga, two hours later, to adjourn

Gulu High Court intern given bail



Gloria Grace Laker (standing) follows proceedings during her bail application hearing on at Gulu High Court yesterday. PHOTO/TOBBIAS JOLLY OWINY

the cases.

"From 9am, I have been waiting for the state (attorney) and the team. I have made calls, and no one is picking and I have also not received any notifications from them whether they are coming in or not," he said.

He added that without the prosecution team, a hearing can proceed.

A request by Mr Henry Komakech Kilama, one of Laker's lawyers, to Mr Muyunga to grant them an extra hour to wait for the state attorney did not yield fruit.

"They [the Gulu Resident State Attorney and his team] appeared to be so busy, and none was willing to come to the courtroom. We also requested Ms Mirriam Amoro, the magistrate, to

allow them come for the case, but they declined," Mr Komakech said.

It wasn't until about 3pm that Laker's defence lawyers pleaded with Mr Muyunga to proceed with the hearing of the case.

"When we went to Mr Bandera's office as a team, he agreed to come, though he headed for Court Room 4 instead of Court Room 3," Mr Kiiza said.

"Attempts to get the state attorney to attend to us, both the defence team and court, failed, and we pleaded with the court that the prosecution cannot hold a court hostage. The court agreed and proceeded, since the power to grant bail lies with the judge even if the state chooses not to be present," Kiiza added.

Background

Laker was charged and remanded to prison by the same court last Friday on allegations of sharing information on the court's criminal register without authorization.

It was the same day her internship (clerkship) period and attachment to the court were meant to end.

Laker, a student pursuing a Diploma in Law at the Law Development Centre appeared before Grade One Magistrate Amoro, on charges related to Computer Misuse Act and sharing information without authorisation.

The court heard that between March 6 and 9, 2026, at Gulu High Court, the suspect shared information on social media without authorization.

According to sources, the charges reportedly stem from the sharing of a court recording indicating that Mr Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, alias Bobi Wine, the National Unity Platform president, has been making false statements.

The offence contravenes section 25 (9) of the Penal Code Act.

The case was filed on March 6, at Gulu Police Station.

THE CASE

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