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UCU dean murder: Suspect to appear in court tomorrow

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KAMPALA. Hussein Dak Taewaiko, a prime suspect in the murder of Ms Pamela Ruth Tumwebaze, the former director of student's affairs at Uganda Christian University (UCU), is set to appear in court tomorrow, a senior police detective has said.

The detective close to the investigation of the case informed this publication that the suspect was interrogated and confessed to committing the crime.

"We took the suspect back to the crime scene for scene reconstruction and he confessed to having participated in the crime," he said.

Taewaiko was arrested through tracking the deceased's phone and laptop which were realised missing by crime officers while documenting the crime scene.

"On February 12, the officers from Joint Anti-Terrorism Taskforce started tracking the deceased's phone by extracting the call data analysis and establishing its location point. However, it was off the whole day," the detective said.

The detective explained that the



Hussein Dak Taewaiko, murder suspect.

next day, the tracking team obtained the missing phone's location address, which read Budaka District.

"A team composed of different security agencies under the supervision of Director-CID AIGP Tom Magambo was



Pamela Ruth Tumwebaze, the deceased

dispatched to Budaka District to do surveillance and monitor the location of the phone using the current Global Positioning System (GPS)," the detective said.

On February 13, 2026, the territorial

police in Budaka made covert deployment in strategic places, beefed up by the joint security team from Kampala.

The Kampala Metropolitan Police spokesperson, Rachael Kawala said the suspect was arrested on Saturday by the joint security task teams in Budaka District.

He was found in possession of the deceased's property, a critical piece of evidence linking him to the murder.

Preliminary findings further indicated that the suspect is a former househelp of the deceased.

Ms Tumwebaze, who resided in Gwafu West Village in Seeta Ward, Goma Di-

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Pamela Ruth Tumwebaze was born on September 30, 1979, in Nkokonjeru, Ruharo, Mbarara District. Her career at UCU began in 2000 as an undergraduate student, later serving the institution for 23 years in various capacities until her death. She is survived by two sons.

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vision Mukono District was attacked by unknown assailants at her home on February 11, 2026.

She was found dead in her bedroom, her body covered with clothes, after unknown assailants reportedly broke into her residence. Local authorities say she lived in the house with her two children, aged 13 and 8, and a housemaid.

The killer was reported to have entered the house before it was locked and ordered the househelp to open the door after committing the crime at about 2am.

The act painted a picture of an insider who knew all the corners of the house.

Police detectives said the suspect is currently detained at police flying squad headquarters in Kireka, the former Special Investigations Unit.