

Key suspects arrested with six Bank of Uganda laptops

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Operatives from the Police's directorate of crime intelligence have arrested two key suspects linked to the theft of laptops from Bank of Uganda.

Maj. Gen. Christopher Damulira, the director of crime intelligence, confirmed the arrest of the suspects, saying one suspect was picked up on Thursday in Namuwongo and his accomplice was arrested on Friday from Villa Park in Nsambya, both in Kampala.

"We have the two men who had direct knowledge of what transpired at the central bank," he said.

The two suspects are Boaz Michael Kule, 19, from Kasese



Kabuye

district and Ramadhan Kabuye, 27, from Nsambya.

The Bank of Uganda robbery, which took place at the head office on Plot 45, Kampala Road (the shorter tower near City Square), resulted in the theft of seven laptops.



Kule

Operatives have since recovered six laptops from the suspects.

"The two suspects have confessed to the incident. Although seven laptops are missing, the suspects were arrested with six. They also claimed that they stole only six laptops. So, we are looking for the

other laptop," an operative told *The Weekend Vision*.

Sources at the bank confirmed the devices were taken from offices of the commercial liaison officers, located in the basement of the building.

"The matter is currently under investigation, and the Bank of Uganda is working closely with the relevant security agencies to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident and to take appropriate action," the statement read.

The bank assured the public that its core operations and services remain fully functional and had not been disrupted.

Following the incident, Police and sister security agencies, including

the Uganda People's Defence Forces, Defence Intelligence and Security, Internal Security Organisation, mounted a joint operation to hunt the suspects.

A police sniffer dog was introduced to the scene of the crime, and it led the Police to three buildings downtown, where the suspected stolen items were allegedly kept.

The inter-agency operation saw heavy Police and military deployment at Kalungi Plaza, Kirumira Towers and Mutaasa Kafeero buildings in Kampala and a search for the stolen items was conducted.

Security personnel also sealed off the premises in an operation that took almost eight hours.