

How killer accessed Tumwebaze's home



Husein Taewaiko (left) arrives at the crime scene flanked by security officials in Gwafu Village, Goma Division Mukono District.

About 20 officers in eight vehicles turned up at the scene with the key suspect, to trace how he accessed the home of UCU's director of students affairs.

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At around 2pm yesterday, a team of security officials from various agencies, including police, Joint Anti-Terrorist Task Force (JATT), and the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), revisited the crime scene at Gwafu Village, Goma Division, Mukono District, where Uganda Christian University (UCU) Director of Students Affairs Pamela Tumwebaze was killed.

In tow was the key suspect, Mr Hussein Dak Taewaiko, who was brought along to retrace his steps.

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BACKGROUND

Tumwebaze was attacked and strangled in her bedroom last week. Her death sent shock waves through the UCU community and beyond, leaving students, staff, and residents grief-

The team began at Seeta Centre, near the Seeta Junior signpost at the Seeta-Mukono Stage, where Taewaiko had reportedly started his journey to Tumwebaze's home on that fateful day.

Taewaiko, transported in a police Omni-bus, popularly known as the drone, appeared unfazed despite being handcuffed, flanked by officers on both sides.

He calmly began narrating how he allegedly made his way to Tumwebaze's residence.

After about 10 minutes, the team returned to their vehicles and headed directly to Gwafu, parking roughly 100 metres from the deceased's home.

When Taewaiko stepped out, he spoke with officers for five

minutes before moving toward the gate. Witnesses noted that he looked calm, confident, and even managed a smile now and then. He demonstrated how he first knocked at the door, trying to gain entry. After knocking several times without response, he moved to the left-hand side of the

wall fence, near a mango tree, and jumped over to gain access.

From that point, the media was barred from entering, but the team spent more than an hour inside the house.

The area chairperson, Mr Alex Wasswa, who accompanied the officials, said Taewaiko confessed to killing Pamela.

Mr Wasswa explained that after jumping inside, Taewaiko encountered the family dog, which didn't bark because it was familiar with him. He even allegedly touched it and called it "Tiger."

Quoting Taewaiko, Mr Wasswa said: "I moved behind the house, at the tank, and saw the maid in the kitchen. I decided to remove my slippers to avoid noise. I moved in-

to the house and went directly to the bedroom."

Taewaiko claimed he hid in the bedroom until Tumwebaze came to sleep.

When she entered, she was shocked to find him there. Tumwebaze asked what he was doing in her bedroom, and he told her he wanted his arrears of Shs800,000 for work he had previously done at her home.

Residents who gathered to catch a glimpse of the suspect expressed relief that police had arrested him.

"Recently, that boy has been living at a bar/guest house at Seeta," Mr Sam Mugabi, a resident of Seeta, said.

The search ended at about 4pm, and police left without speaking to the media.

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