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The Police has arrested a key suspect in connection with the kidnap and murder of Tony Ssewakiryanga, a 25-year-old resident of Kakiri town council in Wakiso district.

Ibrahim Magara, a builder and three other suspects allegedly abducted Ssewakiryanga and asked his family for ransom before murdering him.

His body was recovered yesterday (Monday) morning, bearing multiple stab wounds.

EXHIBITS RECOVERED

Speaking to journalists yesterday at Police headquarters in Naguru, Kampala, the deputy spokesperson for Kampala Metropolitan police, Luke Owoyesigire, confirmed the arrests and revealed that key exhibits had been recovered from the crime scene.

Police arrest key suspect in Kakiri murder

"We recovered a hammer and a knife with blood stains, as well as a mobile phone believed to have been used in communication related to the crime," Owoyesigire said.

He added that additional items, including the victim's jumper, phones and a panga, had been collected and would be examined to establish the truth.

According to Owoyesigire, the precise motive for the killing has not yet been established, although preliminary investigations point to a financially motivated abduction that turned fatal.

CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Meanwhile, Victor Katungi, a Primary Six pupil who disappeared from St Savio



Junior School in Entebbe Municipality, was found.

Owoyesigire said the 11-year-old disappeared on April 23 and was found on May 1.

The Police Force deputy spokesperson, Diana

Nandawula, warned that the holiday period typically registers a sharp rise in crimes involving minors, and called on parents, guardians, and entire communities to remain vigilant.

"We normally register cases of child neglect, sexual abuse, labour exploitation, and the involvement of minors in criminal activities such as housebreaking," Nandawula said.

PARENTS CAUTIONED

She cautioned strongly against leaving children unattended at home, noting that unsupervised children are particularly vulnerable to accidents, abuse and negative influence from criminal elements in their neighbourhoods.

"We urge parents and guardians not to leave young children alone. They should ensure children are under the care of responsible and trusted adults," she said.

Nandawula stressed that child protection extends beyond the home.

"Child protection is not only a parental duty but a community responsibility. We must work together to prevent harm that may affect children emotionally, psychologically, and physically," she added.

Nandawula further encouraged parents to maintain open dialogue with their children, equipping them with basic safety awareness including knowledge of emergency contact numbers and how to respond to strangers