

Kibaale teacher commits suicide

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BACKGROUND

Possible causes of suicide. Dr Raymond Odokonyero, a psychiatrist at Butabika National referral hospital attributes causes of suicidal thoughts to mental disorders such as depression, bipolar, alcoholism, and or substance misuse. Other causes include domestic violence, problems with social networks and sad events in life, among others.

KIBAALE: Residents of Kakwaku village in Karagala parish, Matala Sub-county, Kibaale District were on Thursday morning shocked when they woke up to the news of the death of one of their own.

Geoffrey Nsimiire, 23, a teacher at St Benadeta Primary School in Kakwaku Trading Centre, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself on Wednesday night. Residents found his body dangling on a tree branch near his home the following day.

The deceased's mother, Ms Jane Kusiima, said her son started talking about committing suicide on Tuesday during the burial of his grandmother. She, however, said she did not take him seriously.

She added that her son later asked her for Shs500, which she now suspects he wanted to use to buy a rope to accomplish his mission.

"My son kept telling me that he was going to kill himself and when I asked him why, he did not tell me anything. He instead insisted on asking for money," she said.

According to police preliminary investigations, the deceased left behind a handwritten note in which he appreciated his mother for all her efforts in raising him and declared how he had got tired of the world's troubles and decided to end his life.