

SUSPECTED MURDERER OF S2 STUDENT ARRESTED

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The Police in Busoga east have apprehended the prime suspect accused of defiling and strangling a 15-year-old girl at a lodge in Mbale district.

The arrest of Fahad Kiranda, also known as Shuraim Fahad on Saturday, in Budebela village, Mayuge district, concludes a nine-month-long investigation into the brutal killing of Bint Edrisa Sumaya, a Senior Two student at Nakaloke Secondary School in Mbale, eastern Uganda.

Sources told *New Vision* that crime intelligence officers led by Ismael Ssennono tracked Kiranda to Mayuge after he allegedly murdered Sumaya on March 23, this year, at about 9:00pm at Grace Guest House in Nkoma town, Mbale.

THE GUESTHOUSE ORDEAL

Receptionist Peter Nabende recounted how Kiranda rented Room 11 at the guesthouse, only to later call him using the victim's phone to alert him about the body.

"I first took him to Room 14, but he said it was too small. We moved to

Room 10, but he changed his mind and chose Room 11. Minutes later, he used a number that I later learnt belonged to the victim to tell me that I should check for 'my things in Room 11'. When I entered the room, I found a naked and lifeless body on the bed," Nabende told investigators.

The receptionist added that he immediately notified the guesthouse manager, who alerted the Police.

The case was registered under reference number CRB 029/2025.

INTERROGATION CONFESSION

During interrogation, Kiranda allegedly confessed to the murder and claimed to have killed over 40 other girls, taking their left index fingers and blood to a witchdoctor in Nakalama, Iganga district, in exchange for sh5m.

This admission aligns with his prior arrest in late June this year over an alleged human trafficking case involving another 16-year-old victim in Mayuge district. Kiranda was remanded but later released on bail on October 16, this year.

Police sources confirmed ongoing investigations into his other alleged crimes involving 40 other murders.



Suspected murderer, Kiranda

RELATED MURDERS

According to the Police, out of the three murder incidents that were registered in Mbale city this year, at least all the suspects have been apprehended.

In the first incident that took place in Busajabwankuba village, two suspects were arrested; one, in



Deceased, Bint Edrisa Sumaya

Bududa and another in Mbale. The suspect in the murder of a student of Mbale High School was arrested in Butaleja district.

In July 2013, the Police arrested five suspects, including three traditional witchdoctors who were allegedly linked to a ritual murder of a 10-year-old boy.

DECEASED'S FAMILY SPEAKS OUT

Bint Edrisa Sumaya was the sixth in a family of eight children. His parents; Edrisa Magomu and Abubaker Haawa of Mbale, said since they lost their daughter in March, they have been talking to the suspected killer Fahad Kiranda.

"Actually, on the day he killed her, he sent us an audio using our daughter's phone, telling us he had killed her, and even directed us where the body was," Haawa said.

Edrisa Hanifa, the sister of the deceased, said Kiranda has been sending them text messages in a family WhatsApp group boldly confessing that he killed Sumaya. "At one moment, that killer [Kiranda] called me and bragged that his mission of killing 50 girls must get accomplished and hinted on taking his own life after," Hanifa said.