



Muchunguzi with Mpiirwe (front), whom he allegedly kidnapped from his home in Ddungu zone last Friday

FOUR **ARRESTED** OVER MISSING BOY, ARMY JOINS PROBE

By Stuart Yiga

The Directorate of Crime Intelligence, in collaboration with Defence Intelligence Security (DIS), have arrested four suspects in connection with the alleged kidnap of a six-year-old boy.

The boy was allegedly kidnapped by David Muchunguzi, who was working as a shamba boy at the home of Dr Emmanuel Tumwesigye and Sandra Nabire in Ddungu zone, Kisaasi in Kawempe division.

The Kampala Metropolitan Police spokesperson, Racheal Kawala, identified the missing boy as Abraham Tumwesigye Mpiirwe. The Police said the boy was kidnapped on December 12, this year, while his parents were away for work.

"It is alleged that on Friday at around 4:00pm, Muchunguzi, who was employed as a shamba boy by Dr Tumwesigye, left with the victim [Mpiirwe], to an unknown destination and did not return," Kawala said.

She said a kidnap case was reported at Universal Police



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Post and relevant statements were obtained, adding that efforts to arrest the suspect were ongoing.

According to the Police, three of the four suspects are family members of the shamba boy, including his mother, sister and former employer.

Muchunguzi has since reportedly posted himself on social media platforms while playing with the boy.

"The boy is in good shape and not at any risk. We only went for our vacation," Muchunguzi reportedly told the boy's mother.

What investigations revealed

Investigations indicate that security agencies have recovered a motorcycle on which the victim was transported from Kisaasi, and are zeroing in on the suspected kidnapper.

"Apart from asking for his salary arrears of

sh250,000 from his employers, which was sent to him alongside the sh10,000 which he asked from the victim's mother for feeding, he has not asked for any other money," one of the investigators said.