

MAN OPENS UP ON MURDER OF TEENAGE DAUGHTER'S BOYFRIEND

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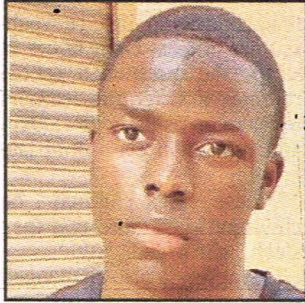
Herbert Musasizi, the man who was arrested over the weekend in connection with the murder of his daughter's boyfriend, has opened up to the Police on why he beat up the young man to death.

Musasizi, 41, was arrested in Gulu district over the murder of Martin Bukenya, 18, who was a student at Hillside Secondary School Matugga in Wakiso district. It is alleged that Musasizi beat Bukenya to death after finding him in his house on February 14.

According to security sources who participated in Musasizi's interrogation, the suspect told the Police that he was incensed when he found Bukenya having sexual intercourse with his 14-year-old daughter on his (Musasizi's) marital bed.

"The deceased Bukenya was a regular at the suspect's home," the source said.

However, the Police said Musasizi regrets beating



Deceased: Bukenya

Bukenya to death. It also emerged that the unidentified girl was living alone in the house because her father works in Gulu, while her mother is out of the country doing kyeyo (odd jobs) in Canada.

According to sources, Musasizi told the Police that this was not the first time he had caught Bukenya with his daughter.

"The suspect is currently in custody and will face murder charges after completion of investigations,"

SUSPECT CAUGHT

Herbert Musasizi's arrest was first announced by the Police Directorate of Crime Intelligence.

"Good people, we have tracked and arrested the man who killed a young student in Matugga for being in love with his daughter on Valentine's Day. The man has been arrested from Gulu," Maj. Gen. Christopher Ddamulira, the director of Crime Intelligence, said.

Kampala Metropolitan Police spokesperson Rachael Kawala said the deceased was a resident of Kirinyabigo-Kawanda in Wakiso's Nabweru division. She said the suspect was in police custody as investigations continue, including reconstructing the scene of the crime, carrying out a postmortem examination and recording witness statements.

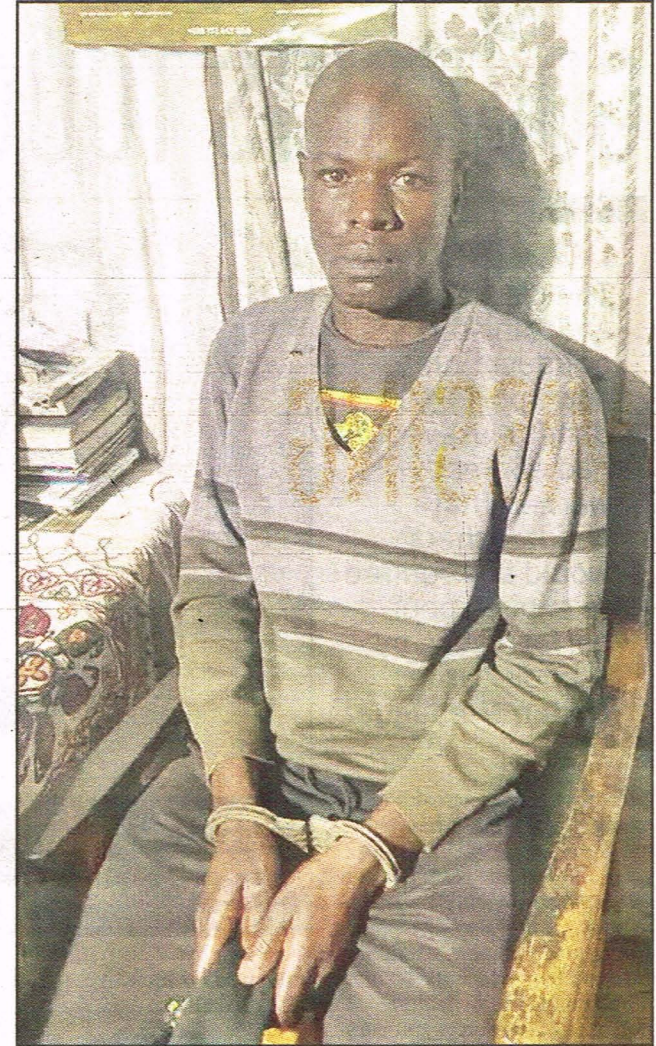
The Police were yet to reveal details of how they tracked him down and the exact spot where he was apprehended.

Kampala Metropolitan Police spokesperson Rachael Kawala said.

Yesterday, the suspect recorded a statement with the Police detailing what transpired as he awaited a mental health check-up, which detectives said is a routine procedure done on suspects

held in cases related to murder.

The student's death drew condemnation from the public, with many people questioning the parent's extreme anger and response to a matter that would have been handled through other channels. Bukenya was buried on Monday in Kinoni, Lwengo district.



Musasizi was arrested in connection with the murder of Martin Bukenya, his daughter's boyfriend, on February 14