Mbarara varsity student killed

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MBARARA. Police in Mbarara are hunting killers who robbed and murdered a student of Medicine at Mbarara University of Science and Technology on Friday.

Brian Akampurira's body was discovered in a garden.

"Today at 5:30am Mbarara Central Police Station Officer-in-Charge of operations received information that a body of an unidentified person was found lying in Taso Village near a lagoon. Police detectives rushed to the scene and a body of a male adult in his mid 20s was found with marks of serious violence," said the Rwizi regional police spokesperson, Mr Samson Kasasira.

He said the deceased was returning from his aunt's house in Mbarara Municipality when he was attacked by the criminals, who took away his phone.

"An identity card was recovered on the deceased as that of one Akampurira Brian, a student of Mbarara University of Science and Technology studying medicine. There were signs of serious struggle at the scene. The student left his hostel at 20:00hrs after receiving a call from his aunt to take her food at Holy Innocents' Hospital Nyamitanga, about 3km away from the university," Mr Kasasira said.

He added: "When he was coming back to the university hostel he used a short cut where he landed into thugs who killed him. No arrest yet. Investigations are ongoing."

Mr Kasasira said the injury marks on the deceased's body suggest there was fighting between the victim and assailants.

"He was attacked by more than one person. The preliminary investigations show that there was strangulation but we are waiting for the post-mortem," Mr Kasasira said.

The body was taken to Mbarara University Teaching Hospital.

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Rwampaara District. Meanwhile, police are holding three suspects, Ambrose Ahimbisibwe, Obert Naturnanya, and Ivan Tushabe, for allegedly murdering a 14-year-old Alex Turyesima accusing him of stealing fish from their fish traps.

Police say after murdering the victim, the suspects hanged him on a tree to jeopardise investigations.

Kazini District. Police are hunting Jonathan Mbagga, a resident of Rwobuhura Village in Kanoni Sub-county for allegedly killing a seven-year-old child, Ephraim Muzahura, from Kasongo Sub-county, Kibukwika District.

It is alleged that last Wednesday, the victim left home with the suspect at 10am but never came back until when his body was found a few metres away from a trading centre. The suspect is still on the run.