



Guard shoots man dead at friend's hostel

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KAMPALA. Doribert Atwesigye, 27, was yesterday shot in yet another incident involving an armed private security guard after a brief brawl at a hostel in Banda suburb, Kampala.

Atwesigye later succumbed to injuries in hospital. Atwesigye, an employee of Uganda Water and Sewerage Corporation, had gone to Kabojja Hostel at around 6am to visit his girlfriend, Ms Linnet Ainomugisha, a third-year student of Kyambogo University.

Police officers, who talked to witnesses, said when the deceased approached the entrance of the hostel, the guard, Alkan-glo Kiiza, attached to Millennium Security Company, denied him entry.

"The guard did not allow anyone access-

ing or leaving the hostel. The deceased entered into an argument with the guard," police quoted witnesses.

The guard cocked his gun and shot the deceased.

Kampala Metropolitan police deputy spokesperson Luke Owoyesigye said the guard has been detained on murder charges and his rifle recovered.

"The guard is going to record a detailed statement and tell us why he took that action. Other witnesses, including the deceased's friend, have been identified and have recorded statements," Mr Owoyesigye said.

Incidents of private security guards shooting people they have arguments with, will resurrect the call to police, which is the supervisor of all private security firms in the country, to issue tough guidelines on their use of firearms and training.

PREVIOUS INCIDENTS

In April, a private security guard killed International Hospital doctor Cathy Agaba and hid her body in a septic tank, where it was found after weeks of search.

The guard said he killed the doctor for threatening to report him to his boss for being lazy on duty.

In June, a security guard shot dead Arnold Ainebyona Mugisha at the Naalya-based Quality Supermarket after a bitter exchange.