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PRESS STATEMENT: UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SHOOTING OF A GRADE SIX BOY IN MOMBASA

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority launched investigations into the fatal shooting of a 14-year-old boy on New Year's Eve and wishes to give a status update.

Following the death of Dennis Ringa Swaleh at Utange-Swale Nguru, Shopping Centre, Kisauni Subcounty in Mombasa County, the investigation launched on January 2, 2026 is at an advanced stage:

1. Key witnesses including police officers and members of the public have been interviewed and their statements recorded.
2. Evidence from the scene of the incident and other police documents have been obtained and preserved.
3. IPOA investigators attended the postmortem examination yesterday, January 5, 2026.

Further, more witnesses are set to be interviewed and some of the evidence collected will be submitted for ballistic examination.

The Authority condoles with the family and friends of the deceased and pray that they find solace at this difficult time. After the investigation is completed, the Authority will forward the investigation file to the Director of Public Prosecutions with necessary recommendations as to the culpability of the officers concerned.

IPOA commits to fair, impartial and independent investigations.



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