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# Verdict on Columbia varsity student murder postponed

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**KAMPALA.** The High Court in Kampala yesterday postponed reading of the judgment on the murder of a Columbia University student to next Monday.

Presiding judge Flavia Senoga Anglin, who was scheduled to read the judgment, told the concerned parties in her chambers that she had been engaged the whole of last week and was unable to complete writing the judgment.

She apologised to the parties and set the judgment day on July 15.

The accused persons are Ronald Mutebi and Geoffrey Lubwama, alias Jeff.

They are accused of murdering Andrew Gatare, a 19-year-old mechanical engineering student of Columbia University on New Year's eve of 2015 on Nile Avenue, shortly after he had watched fireworks at Kampala Serena Hotel.

Prosecution states that after Gatare had watched the spectacular fireworks at Serena at around 2am, he left and crossed to Nile Avenue to catch a boda-boda back home.

While he walked along the Nile Avenue, two men pounced and assaulted him before robbing him of his BlackBerry mobile phone and wallet with unspecified amount of money in it.

He was left lying unconscious and later succumbed to the injuries.

The cause of death was established as head trauma inflicted by a blunt object.