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Detectives Crack Examination Fraud Syndicate (A Thread)

Detectives have arrested four suspects responsible for high level examination fraud, following intelligence reports of sale of examination papers to candidates sitting the ongoing Kenya Certificate of Secondary Schools





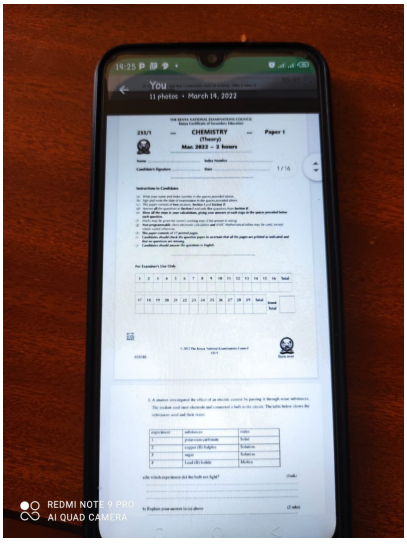

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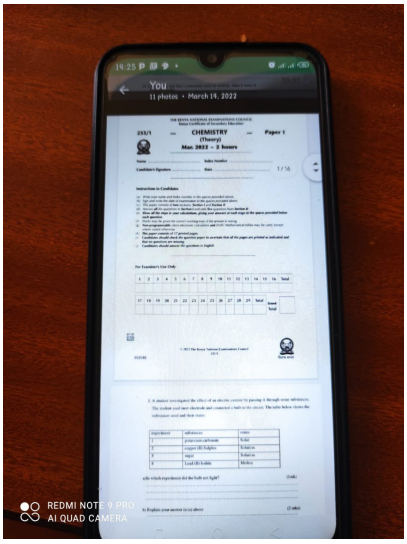

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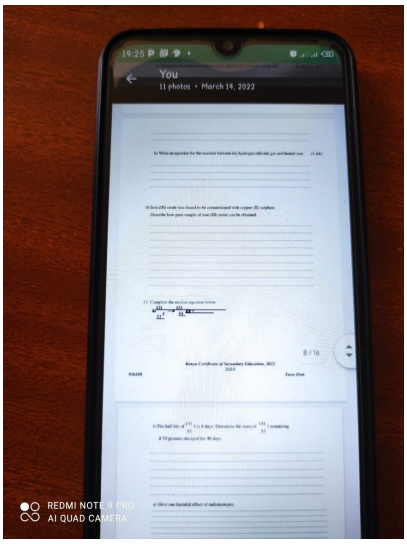

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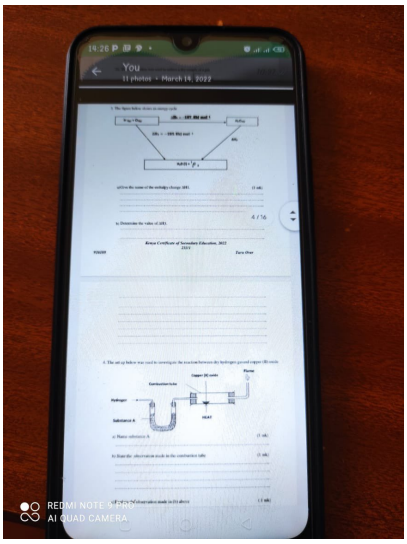
Examinations (KCSE). The detectives attached to the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) launched the investigations exactly one week ago, and have so far arrested the four who are college students in at least four institutions of higher learning.

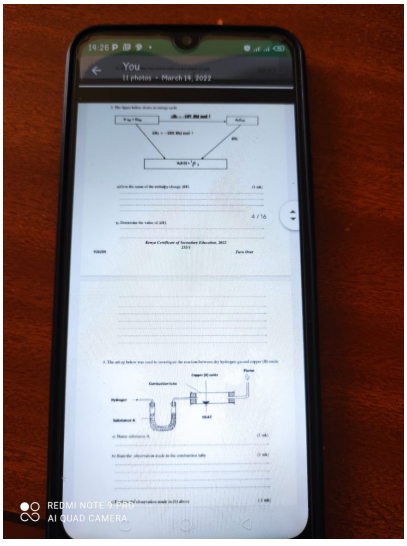


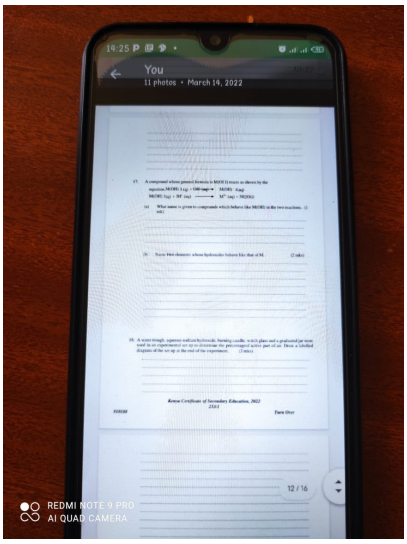




The main suspect Gideon Kibet Tanui alias Evans Kipruto, an Information Technology student at Baringo Technical College, was picked from his rented room next to the college on March 15, at around 10:30am, while he was busy administering English paper 2 and Chemistry paper 1,

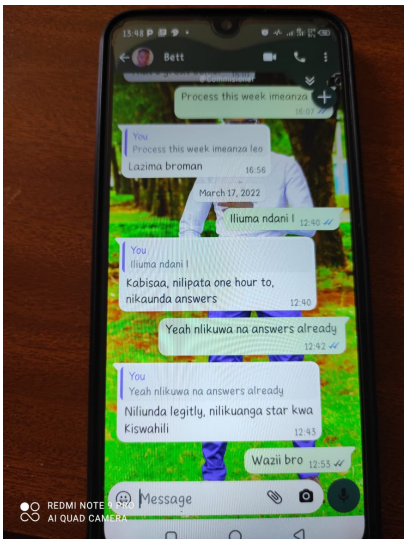


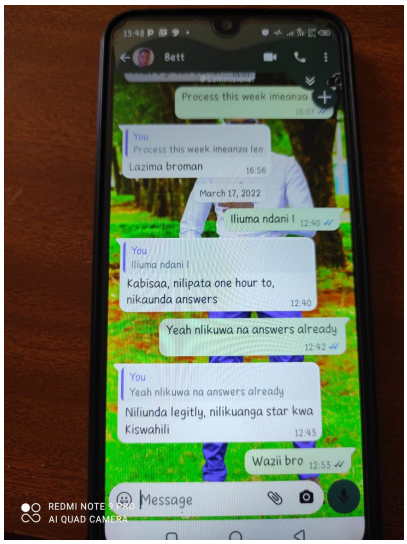




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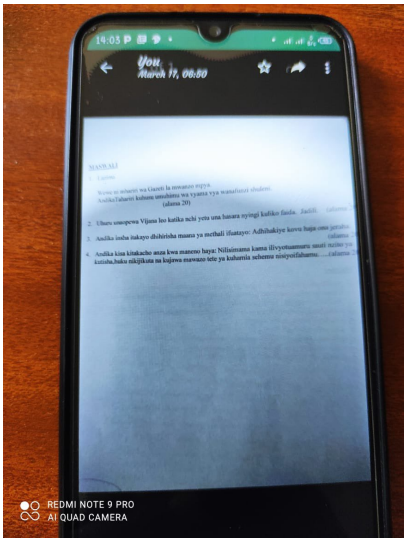
The suspect who was dishing out examination papers at a paltry Sh500 per paper, was also discovered to be a member of two fraudulent examination Telegram

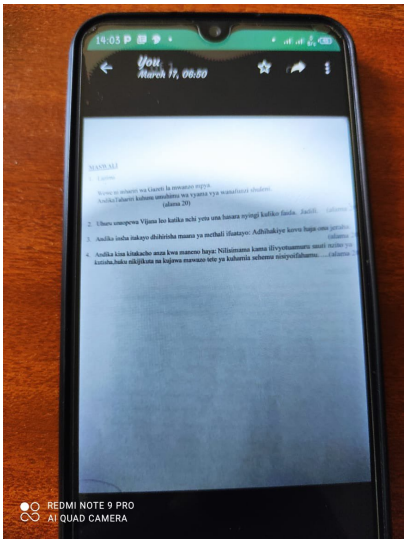


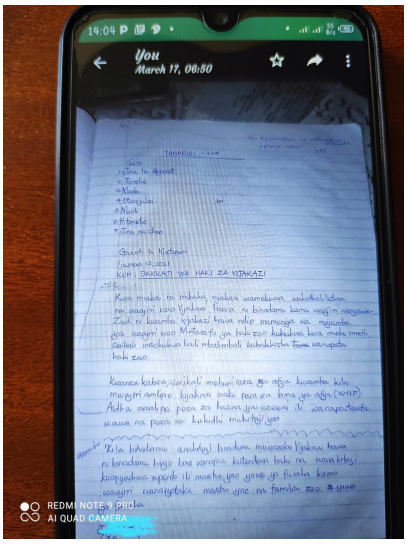




groups with over 17,000 followers. The IT student whose Mpesa account had over Sh10,000 at the time of his arrest, was also operating a separate KCB account at Kabarnet branch, where he immediately transferred the received cash from his Mpesa to avoid reversals.







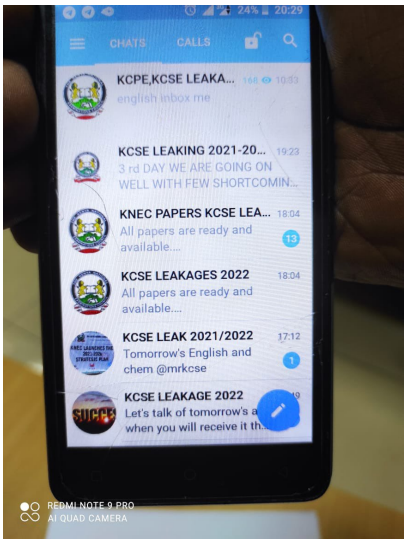
In order to conceal his identity, the SIM card he was using was registered using the identification details of one Evans Kiprono. In an operation that also involved the DCI social media sleuths and Twitter admin who posed as a candidate, Tanui engaged the detectives in a hide

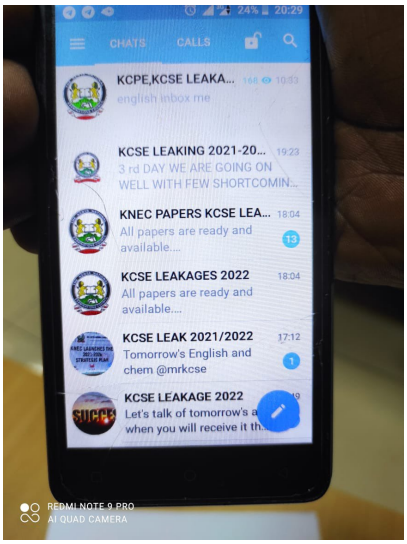


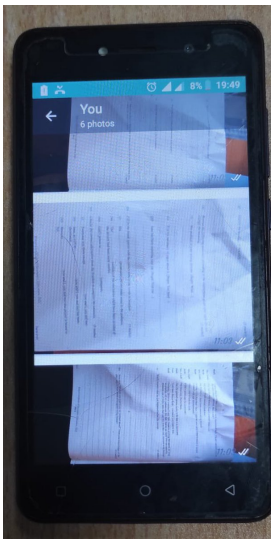




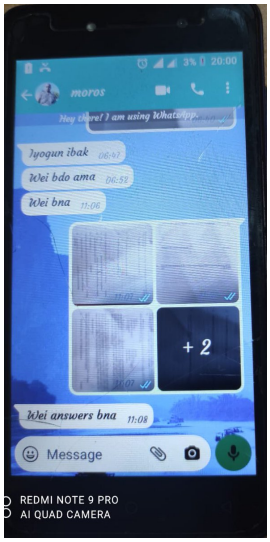
and seek game since last Sunday, from the characteristic cold Molo highlands, to Kabarnet in Baringo, where he was finally cornered. His arrest led the detectives to Kevin Kiprotich Langat, a bachelor of arts student in Swahili, at Rongo University, who was arrested on Thursday.

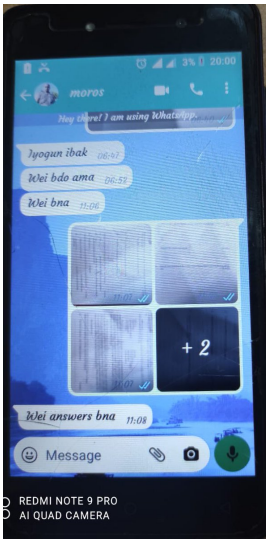


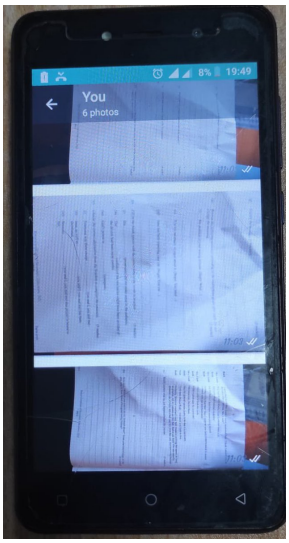


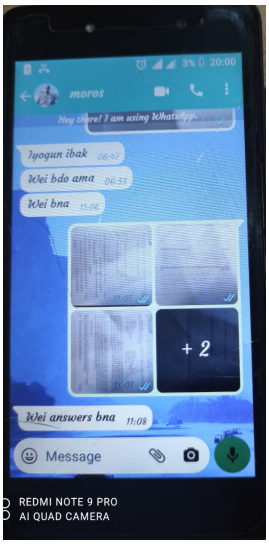


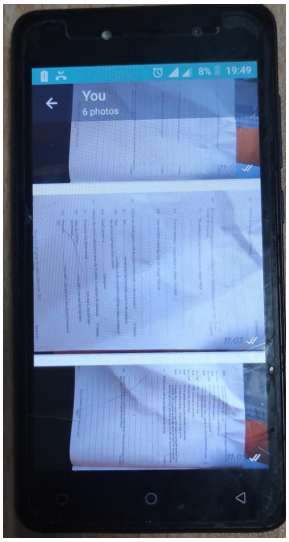
Langat who was in constant communication with the first suspect had forwarded the English paper to him. It is at Rongo University where a wider syndicate of the examination fraudsters existed, in a Telegram group dubbed the ‘Kale Group’ created under the name ‘Bailing Out’

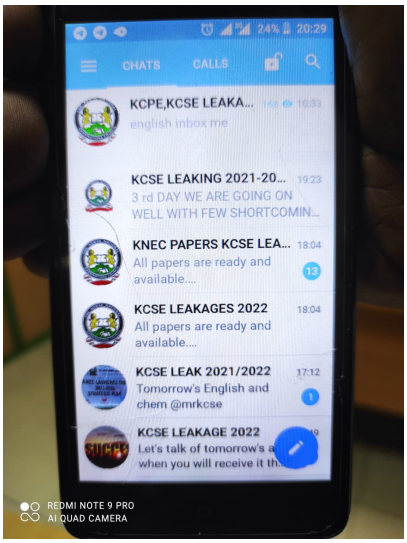





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among other groups. Langat led detectives to yet another culprit, a first year political science and swahili comrade, identified as Justice Leting, who at the time of arrest was busy distributing the Kiswahili paper and preparing answers for the Chemistry practical paper.

In Leting's WhatsApp forum, a candid interaction between him and a student named Bett was retrieved, where Leting assured him that all was well and that the answers he had provided were legit since he was a 'star' in Swahili, during his time.

"Nilipata one hour to, nikaunda answers," Leting assured the candidate. "Niliunda legitly, nilikuwanga star kwa Kiswahili," he added.Using cyber and digital forensics, detectives intercepted tens of messages containing screenshots of the papers that are currently being examined

including handwritten answers which will be subjected to forensic document examination at the DCI National Forensic Laboratory, to ascertain the authors. Shockingly, Leting's mobile phone had the entire KCSE examination material which was recovered by the detectives.

He revealed to have been working with other students at the institution who are still being pursued. The breakthrough into this high level syndicate is attributed to Tanui's earlier arrest at Baringo Technical college, that has opened a fresh can of worms,

into reports of the national examination malpractices. In spite of the concerted efforts that the Ministry of Education led by the Cabinet Secretary and KNEC officials have employed to uphold the integrity of administering the examination, the efforts are being jeopardized

by crooked government officials at county levels. An elaborate web of fraudsters comprising of school heads, security agents, parents and college students, in some parts of the country have conspired to give lazy students unfair advantage over their counterparts who worked hard

and prepared for their examinations. In some instances, the examination containers are

opened hours before the set time, to supply the examination papers to university and college students, for development of answers that are later sold to candidates.

Relentless efforts by detectives have also unearthed that the syndicate also operates a till number account at Ecobank, where candidates are being asked to deposit Sh5,000 per paper, or a discounted rate of Sh20,000 for the whole examination.

Detectives have already zeroed in on the masterminds of this high level fraud, believed to be hiding in Nandi hills. They will not escape. Meanwhile, cyber & digital forensics experts are analyzing all the subscribers in the Whatsapp & Telegrams groups involved in the

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