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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE DEATH OF MISS JOANA DELADEM YABANI

Further to our earlier press release on this tragic incident, we wish to inform the University Community that a suspect, believed to be the mastermind behind the gruesome murder of Miss Joana Deladem Yabani, a final-year Biological Science student at KNUST, has been apprehended by the Regional Police for interrogation following a thorough review of our internal CCTV footages. The suspect, identified as a fellow student residing in the same hostel as the deceased, was found in possession of the clothing worn during the crime, which has been retrieved as evidence. We appeal to all students and members of the University Community to remain calm as the police continue their diligent investigations to uncover the full details surrounding this unfortunate incident.

The Management of KNUST, in collaboration with the Security Services and the Regional Police command led by the IGP himself, is taking all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of students and the entire University Community. To this end, security has been significantly reinforced with:

- Over 50 police officers deployed across campus
- Five mobile police patrol teams from the Anti-Robbery Squad
- 34 patrol officers from the SWAT Unit in the Ashanti Region
- Additional security personnel stationed at strategic locations

We state that 80% of the University campus, including the location where this incident occurred, is under CCTV surveillance, and we are working to have 100% coverage soon. Our internal security personnel have also been strategically deployed to enhance vigilance. We extend our deepest condolences to the parents and family of Miss Joana Deladem Yabani. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. As a precaution, we urge students to prioritize their safety by:

- Walking in pairs, especially at night
- Avoiding dark and isolated areas
- Refraining from carrying laptops and other valuables at night
- Reporting any suspicious activities immediately

For assistance, students may contact:

- University Security: **0501347352**
- Directorate of Students' Affairs: **0208244000**

We remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and members of the KNUST community.

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