

# Lawyer dumps former student leader

JOSEPH Kalimbwe, the former president of the University of Namibia (Unam) Students Representative Council, who is facing charges of fraud and forgery, yesterday lost his legal representation.

Court documents seen by Nampa show that Kalimbwe (26) was scheduled to enter preliminary pleas to the charges in terms of Section 119 of the Criminal Procedures Act of 1977 on Tuesday, but could not do so due to the withdrawal of his privately instructed defence lawyer Stanley Kavetu from the case, owing to Kalimbwe's inability to pay legal fees.

Windhoek magistrate Vanessa Stanley subsequently postponed the matter to 3 August 2018 to allow Kalimbwe to apply for a state-funded defence lawyer to represent him during future court proceedings.

Kalimbwe is out on N\$1 000 bail.

The bail has conditions attached, which include Kalimbwe surrendering his passport to the investigating officer, and that he should not apply for new travel documents until his case is finalised.

He is also expected to report every Friday between 08h00 and 12h00 to the Windhoek Police Station.

Kalimbwe was arrested on 31 May 2017 while allegedly attending a student gathering at the Unam main campus in Windhoek.

He faces three charges of forgery, fraud and altering pertaining to his registration at the university.

Kalimbwe's title as the SRC president was revoked in May last year. – *Nampa*



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