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Aids counsellor: attacked, robbed

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A man who has tested HIV positive was attacked and his fingers

broken when he went to distribute condoms in a Nairobi street.

‘Three men hit Mr Peter Wambia Kimani with a metal rod

near Tusker House on Saturday

night and stole his bag full of

condoms and Aids literature.

He lay in great pain for about

fifteen minutes,” he said. He later went to the bus stop and caught a

matatu to ‘ his Kariobangi house’

He did not quite know how seriously hurt, he was until Sunday

when his hand started swelling.

He went to Kenyatta National

Hospital where he was treated.

‘Mr Kinani says his full time

occupation, is to educate people about Aids. He is part of a group

called Aid Community Based

Outreach Services which counsels

Aids sufferers. It also teaches

“safe sex by using’ condoms:

Mr. Kimani spreads his message mainly in night’ clubs and

back streets ‘which he says are

likely places for the spread of

Aids. Mr Kimani counsels people

by first of introducing himself

as an Aids victim. He then goes on to urge them not to have careless sex!

He depends on we1lwishers or those he ta1ks to t give him  
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money for bus fare and house rent.

Before he was declared-HIV

positive, Mr Kimani ‘used to run

a small business in Kibera employing nine girls where he ‘made

popcorn: and ‘crisps.

He could not get a medical certificate to enable him to get a

licence for the business after he was found to be HIV positive.

“I have since used all my savings on: Kemron)” he says.

Mr Kimani was born ‘in

Nairobi’ in 1959 He is separated’

from his wife who, with their two.

children, are HIV: negative.