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BAIL GRANTED TO VIOLENT PROTESTORS

Rustenburg/ Tlhabane – A protest action, which started on Wednesday, 2 August and as reported in the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper on two occasions, turned violent when a man was fatally shot by a security guard. The man, 25, passed away in the hospital shortly after the protest. "The Police were summoned to the scene and 22 people were arrested for public violence," sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, police spokesperson said.

Each of the protestors was granted R5,000.00 bail on Wednesday, 16 August. The disgruntled Tlhabane protestors are up in arms over the construction of the new Tlhabane mall, still in a early stage. To voice their concerns, the members barricaded roads last week, for what they deemed as a lack of transparency. The area is closely monitored by SAPS.



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Body found in Arnoldstad



Rustenburg/ Kroondal – On Thursday 10 August around 16h00 the Police were summoned to Kroondal/ Arnoldstad after a gruesome discovery was made. A decomposed male body was found lying on the ground, dressed in a blue two-piece work suit, in the veld next to the Arnoldstad road. "It is alleged that the corpse was discovered by a cow-herder passing by with his livestock. This cow-herder immediately ran to the landowners and reported what he had seen," sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, police spokesperson, said. "The community has identified him by his clothes. If he has been identified correctly, he has been missing for three months, and it might be murder," a CPF Sector 5 spokesperson said. Police investigations continue.

Firearm bust in Majakaneng



Brits/ Majakaneng – In an endeavour to curb trio crimes and the illegal proliferation of firearms, an intelligence driven operation led to the arrest of four suspects on Friday, 11 August in Majakaneng near Brits. Three of the four suspects were arrested in Sgandaff Section and Majakaneng after being found in the possession of illegal firearms and ammunition. The fourth suspect was arrested in Soshanguve Section for the possession of suspected stolen goods, namely a laptop and printer.

"The suspects, aged between 21 and 48, appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court on Monday, 14 August, facing charges of the illegal possession of firearms, the illegal possession of ammunition and the possession of suspected stolen goods," warrant officer Mpeile Talane, police spokesperson, said.

The North West provincial commissioner, lieutenant general Baile Motswenyane applauded the Police members involved in the operation.

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