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AfriForum inligtingsessie: onwettige grondbesetting & plaasbeveiliging

Potchefstroom – Die AfriForum-tak in Potchefstroom bied in samewerking met plaaslike veiligheidsrolspelers 'n inligtingsessie op Saterdag 26 Augustus aan wat op die hantering van onwettige grondbesetting, stakings en plaasveiligheid fokus.

Charles Castle van AfriSake sal 'n lesing oor onwettige grondbesetters aanbied, terwyl genl. maj. Roland de Vries plaasbeveiliging en AfriForum se Projek Nehemia sal bespreek. Ander veiligheidsrolspelers in die gemeenskap, insluitend die plaaslike polisie, gaan ook teenwoordig wees.

AfriForum nooi die publiek uit om die

geleentheid by te woon. Die besonderhede is soos volg:

Datum: 26 Augustus 2017

Tyd: 08h30 vir 09h00

Plek: Kwena Lodge, Vyfhoek 801, Potchefstroom (net buite Potchefstroom op die Vereniging-pad)

RSVP: Murray Deacon by 084-523 5589 of 072-672 5659

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Stepfather sentenced to life for rape and attempted murder

Brits – The Brits Regional Court handed down a life sentence and 8 years to a 52-year old man for rape and attempted murder on Monday, 21 August.

The court's judgement came after the accused was arrested in February 2013 for rape and the attempted murder of his 11-year old stepdaughter. It was reported at the time of the incident that the accused raped his stepdaughter several times while she was visiting him during school holidays at Damonsville near Brits.

"The accused had threatened to kill the victim if she told her mother about the rape. The victim's mother got suspicious when her daughter

started showing signs of sickness. She was taken to hospital and a medical report revealed that she was raped. When questioned, she confessed that her stepfather had raped her," lieutenant colonel Amanda Funani, police spokesperson, said.

Upon sentencing the accused, the court declared him unfit to possess a firearm in terms of section 103 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000).

The provincial commissioner of North West, lieutenant general, Baile Motswenyane congratulated the Brits Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS) for a sterling job.

2 arrested for N4 closure

Majakaneng/ Mooiooi – The N4 near Majakaneng (near Mooiooi and Brits) was closed from Sunday, 13 August, to Saturday, 19 August due to violent protests. Currently the N4, R104 and R566 are opened for traffic, as reported in last week's edition of the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper.

The protests came about as a call to action to the Police regarding an incident in which a 24-year old man was allegedly shot and injured by a local farmer on Wednesday, 2 August 2017, after he and two other men were allegedly found stealing oranges from his farm.

The 24-year old man was never seen since that day, and the incident was reported to the Police two days later. The missing man has not

yet been found and the farmer has not been arrested.

The police are however doing their bit to keep this area calm. As part of bringing calm and clamping down on criminal elements in Majakaneng village, police arrested two suspects aged 38 and 40 on Thursday, 17 and Friday, 18 August for public violence.

The first suspect was arrested on Thursday 17 August while fleeing from a crime scene where a vehicle was set alight at about 21:00 at Majakaneng taxi rank.

The other suspect was apprehended following incidents of public violence that have engulfed Majakaneng since Sunday, 13 August. The incidents included pelting of passing motorists with stones, barricading of roads and burning of two trucks as well as a bakkie.

"According to information, stone throwing incidents occurred on Sunday, 13 and Monday 14 August, immediately after members of the community came back from a farm where, as previously mentioned a 24-year old Tebogo Ndlovu was shot," brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, police spokesperson, said.

In another public violence incident on Thursday 17 August, a truck was set alight on R566. The suspects appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court on Monday, 21 August.

Anyone with information that may assist in the matter can contact the investigation team investigation team on 082 416 0767.



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Rapist sentenced to life imprisonment

Mogwase - On Friday, 4 August, the Mankwe Regional Court sentenced Kealeboga Sentsho (34) to life imprisonment on charges of raping a minor in Mokgalanweng village near Mogwase in 2015.

"It is alleged that on the night in question, the suspect took the six-year old to his place, promised her cookies and then raped her. Warrant officer Letsie Kgaboesele of Mogwase Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS) was assigned to the docket from the beginning and successfully made sure that the suspect was convicted," sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, police spokesperson, said.

The Rustenburg acting cluster commander brigadier Joel Pheto applauded the investigating officer and the prosecution for their relentless efforts in ensuring that the accused get a lengthy term.